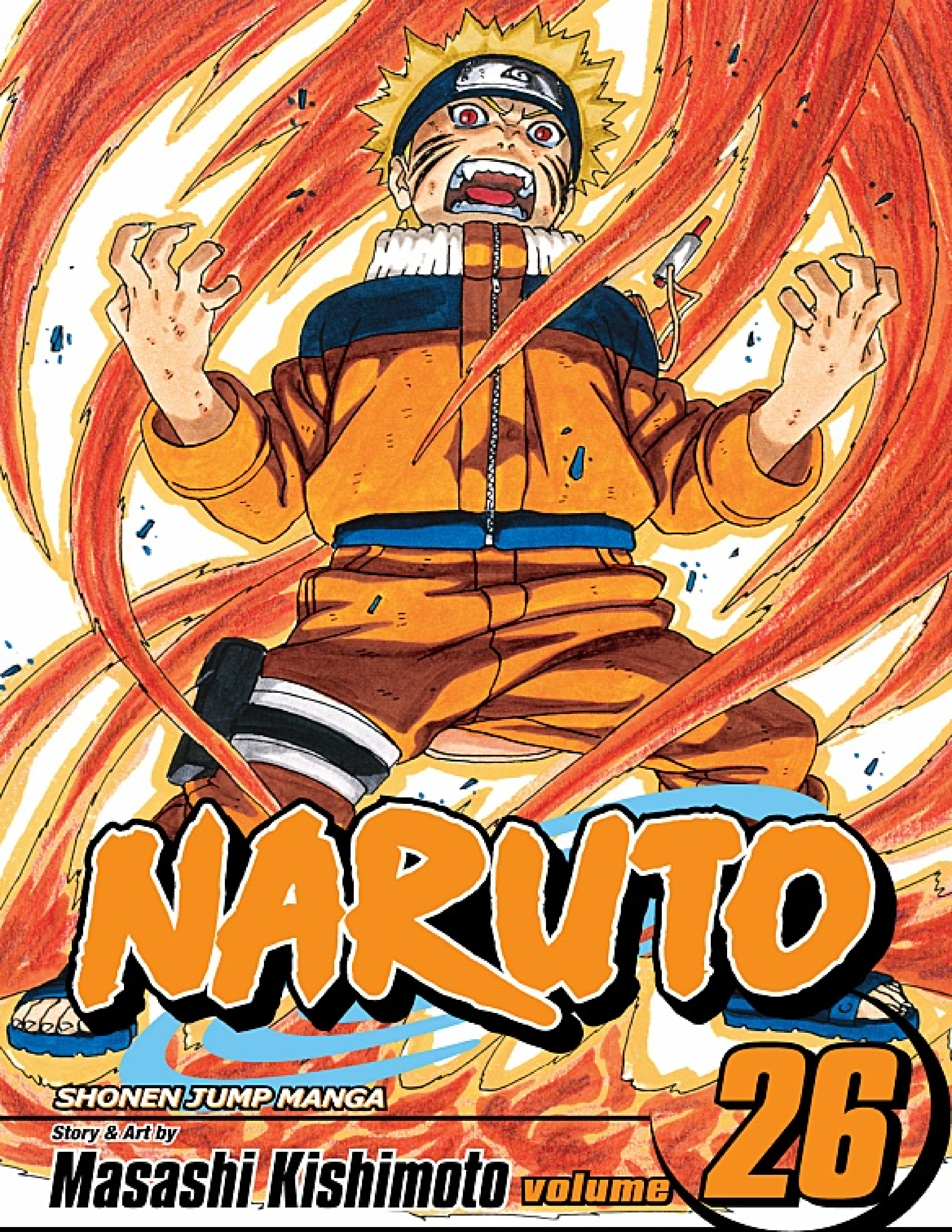
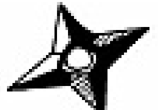
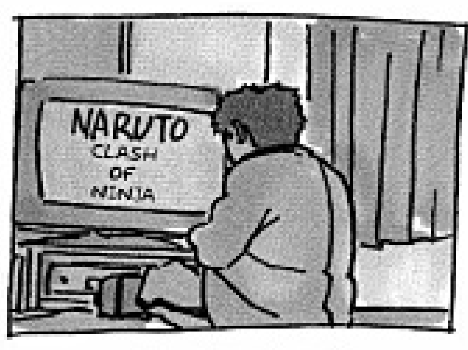

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My cover image for this volume was inspired by the Nine-Tailed Fox Naruto that appears in the GameCube game, *Clash of Ninja*. They did such an awesome job with the presentation that I couldn't resist imitating it.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2005



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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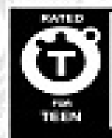
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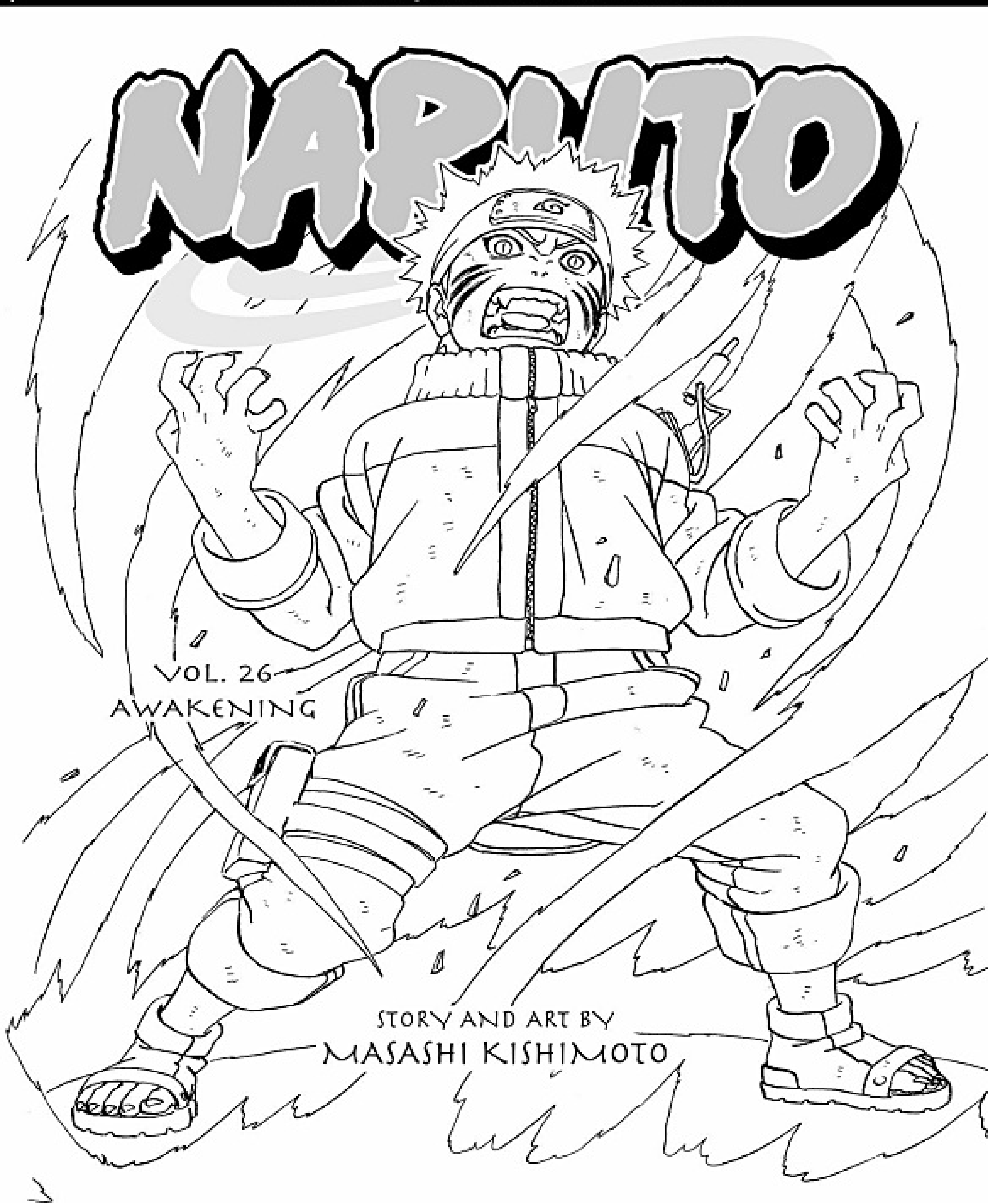




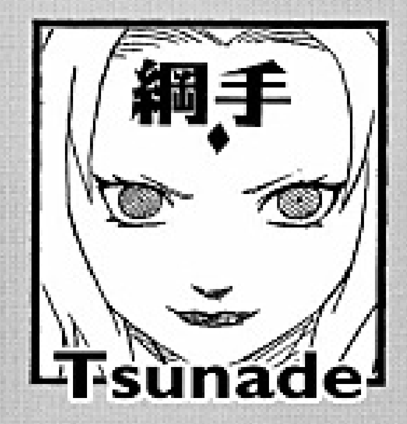
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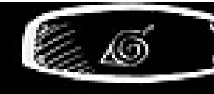
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Twelve years ago a destructive nine-tailed fox spirit attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure. The Hokage, or village champion, defeated the fox by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. That boy is Naruto, once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy.

Despite the rough start, he and his friends, Sasuke and Sakura, successfully join the ranks of the ninja. During the Chûnin Ninja Selection Exam, they are attacked by Orochimaru, who vanishes only after he places a curse mark on Sasuke. Halfway through the third exam, however, Orochimaru and his henchmen launch *Operation Destroy Konoha.* The attack is thwarted when the Third Hokage sacrifices his life. After the deadly battle, Tsunade steps up to become the Fifth Hokage.

Charmed by the power of Orochimaru, Sasuke departs Konoha in the company of the Sound Ninja. In pursuit of Sasuke, Shikamaru and his team weather desperate battles. As Naruto finally closes in on his friend, Sasuke's mind is struck by vivid memories of his brother, Itachi.


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Sakura
サクラ
Sasuke
サスケ
Naruto
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NARUTO

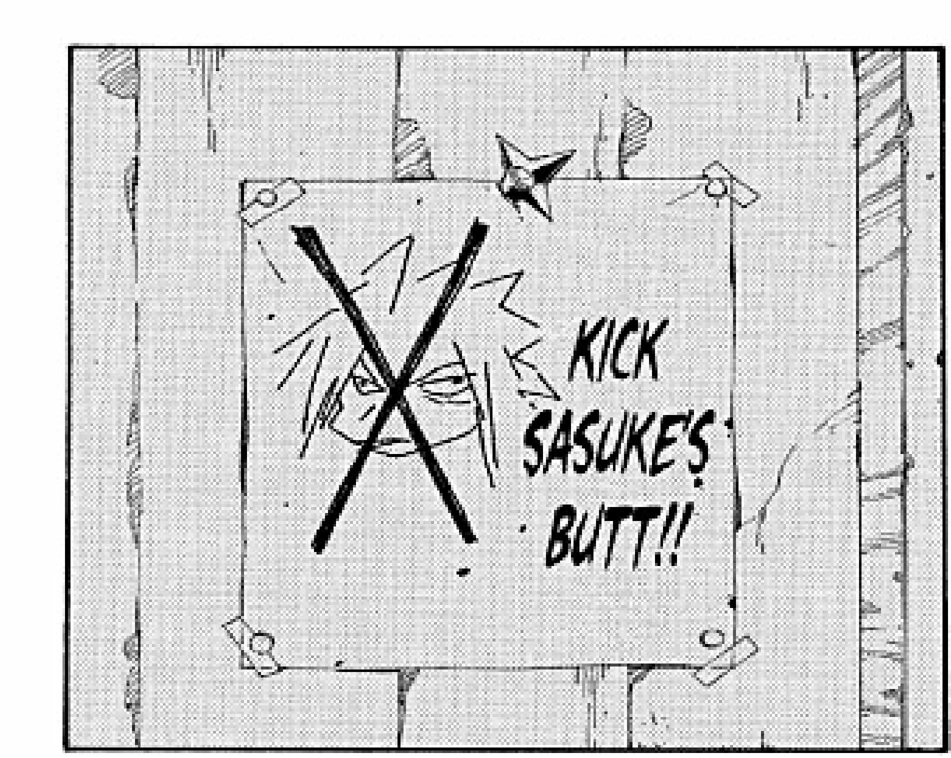
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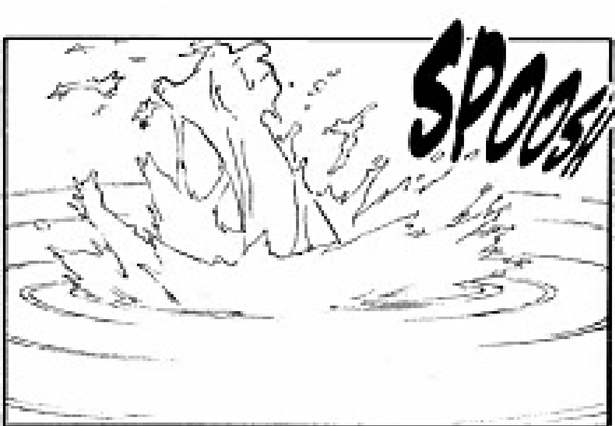

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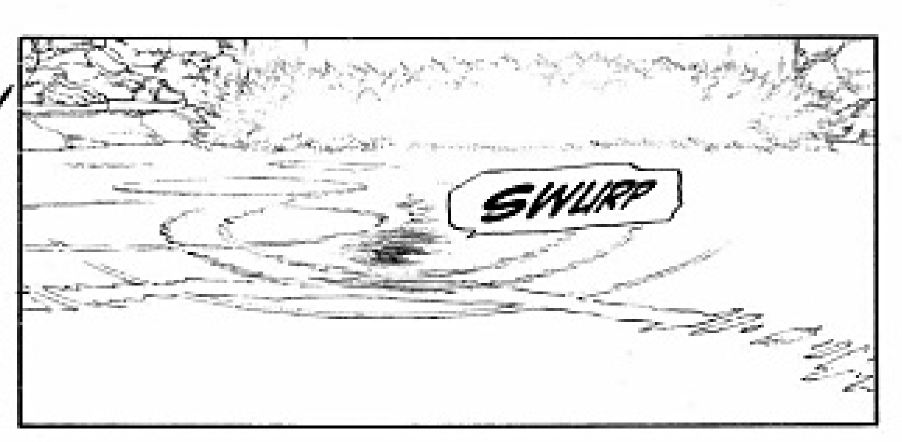

IT'S NOT INSIGNIFICANT. YOU'RE ...
...MY CLOSEST FRIEND.
AND THAT'S WHY I... I HAD TO TEST IT...
WITH THE AID OF MY RASENGAN...
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID TO ME.
SASUKE...
KZZERK

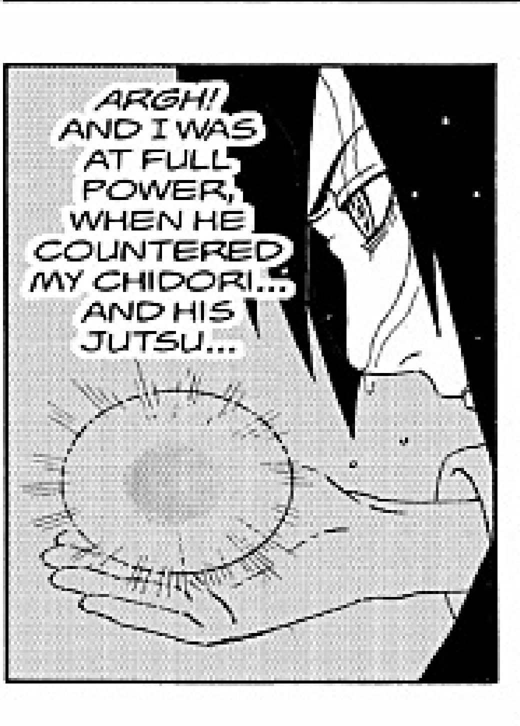

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PLIP



DOOM
SPASHPASHPASHPASH
FLO OSH

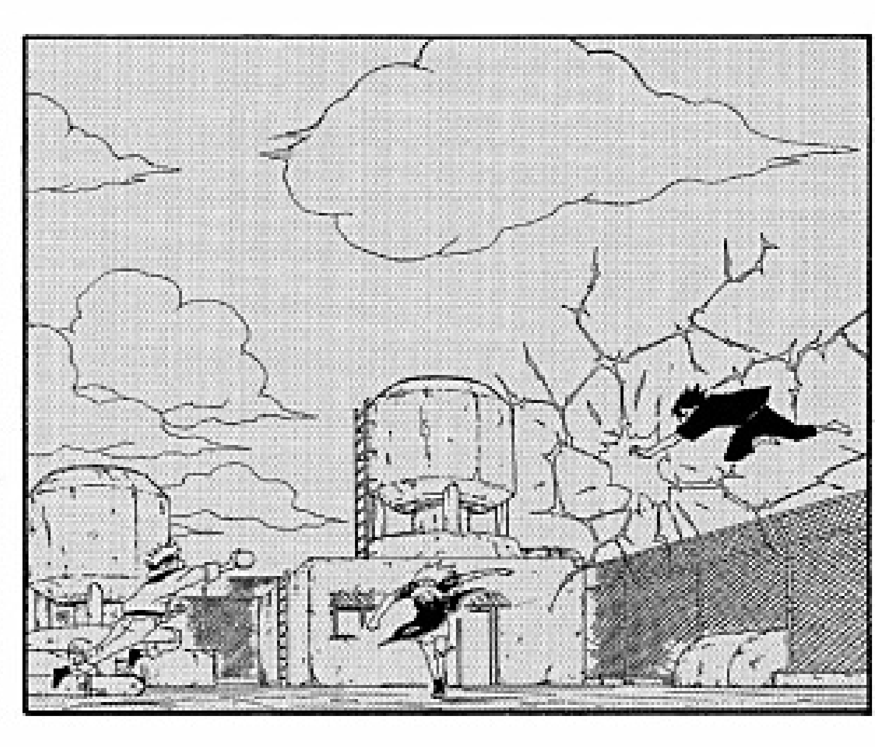

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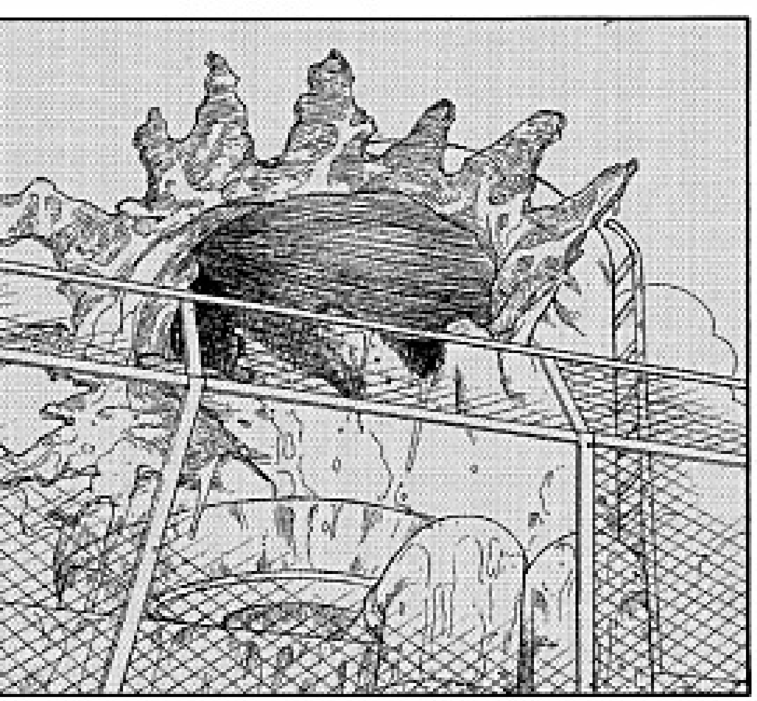

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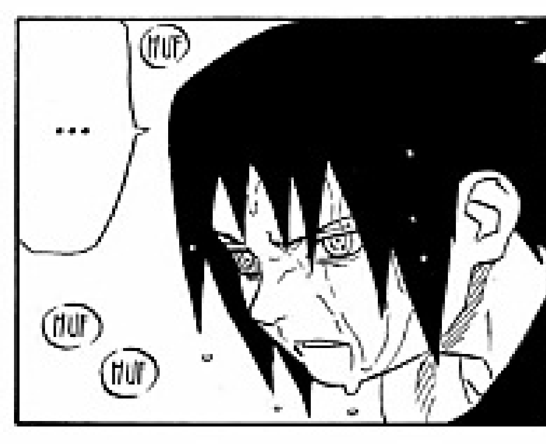

ARGH! AND I WAS AT FULL POWER, WHEN HE COUNTERED MY CHIDORI... AND HIS JUTSU...

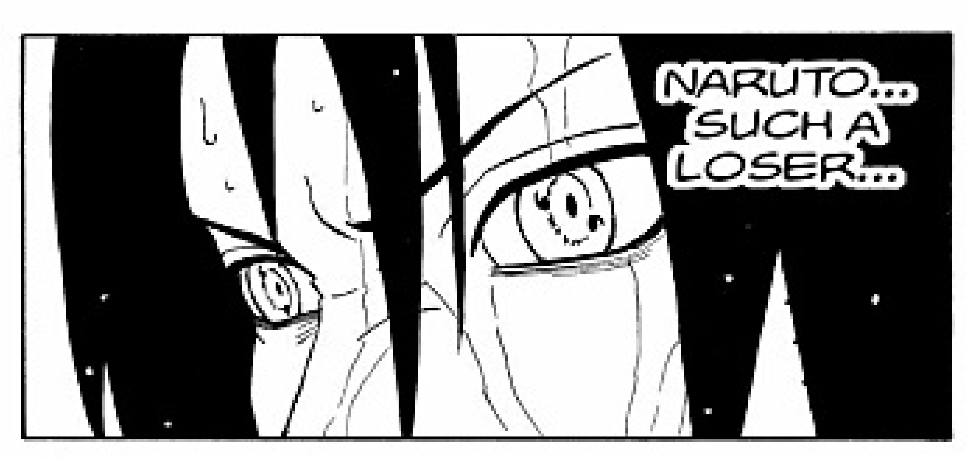

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HUF
SPAASH

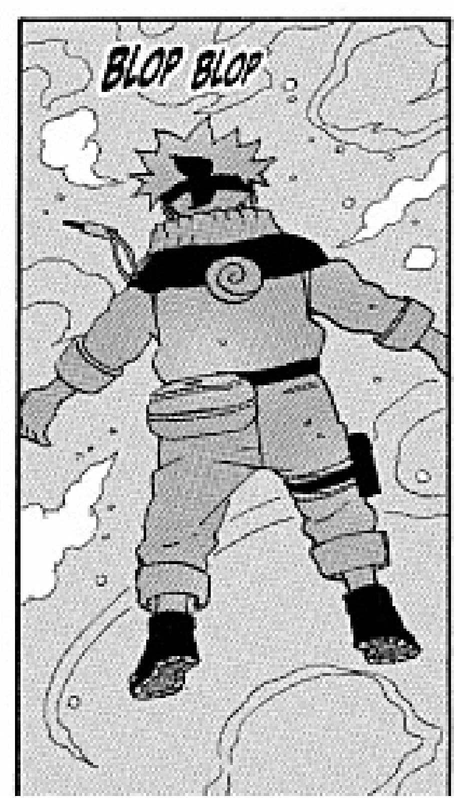

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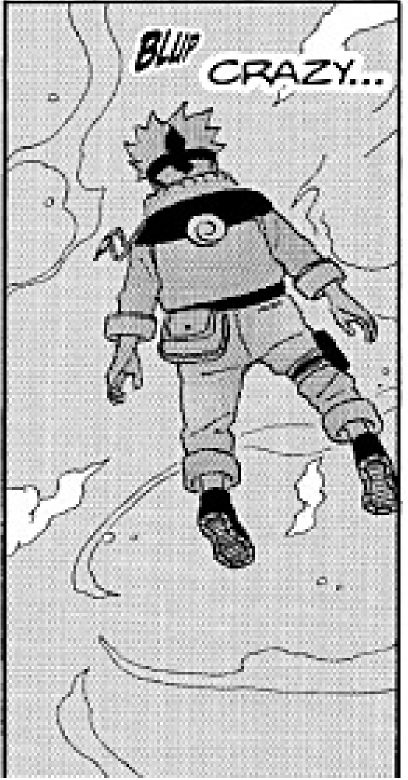


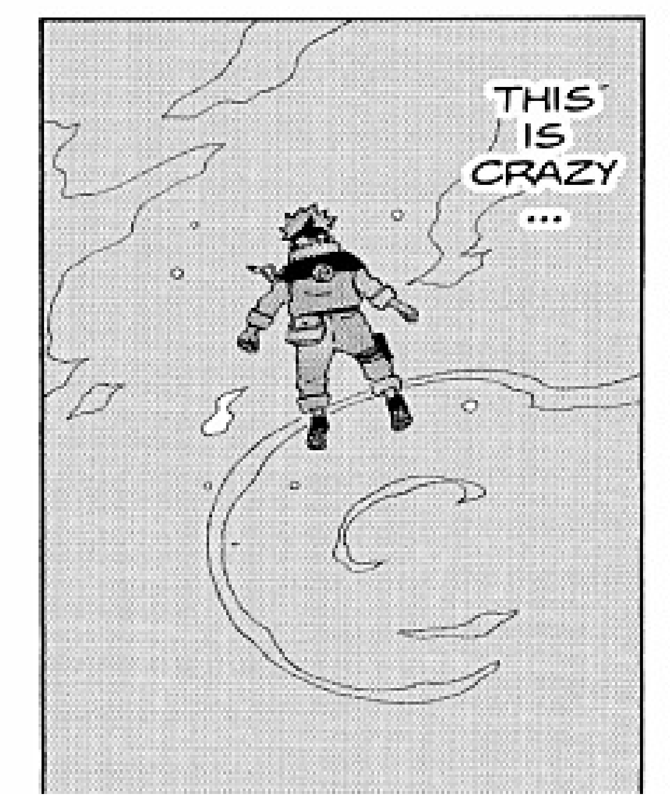



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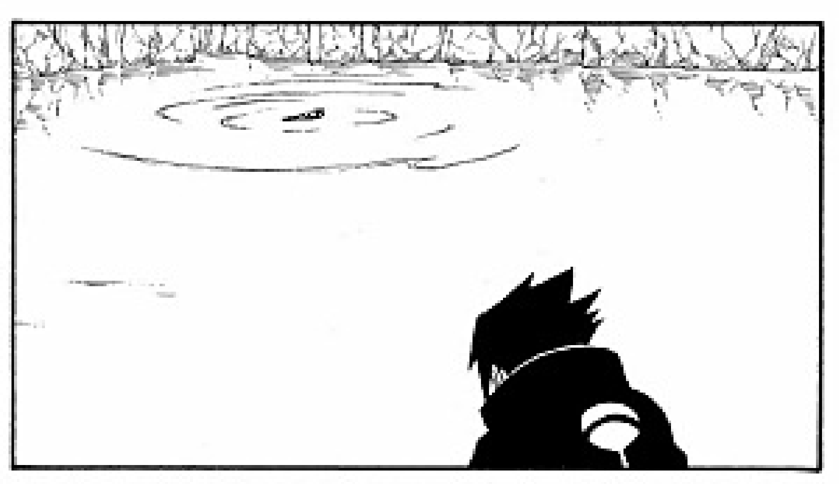

NARUTO... SUCH A LOSER...


BLOP BLOP

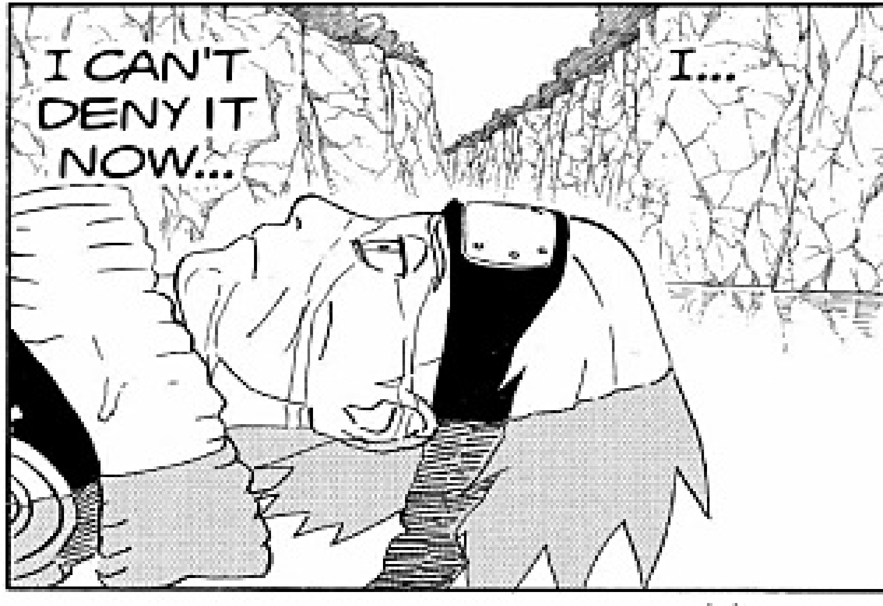

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CRAZY...

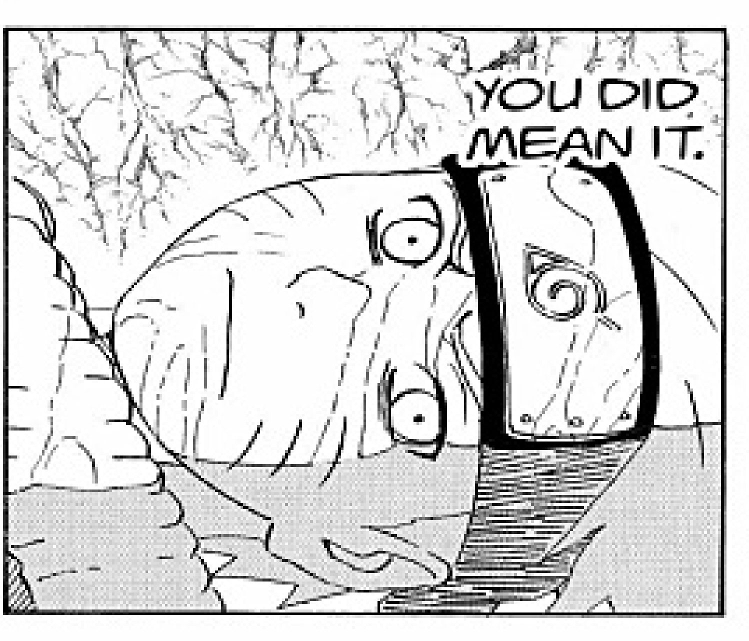

THIS IS CRAZY ...

PLOOSH



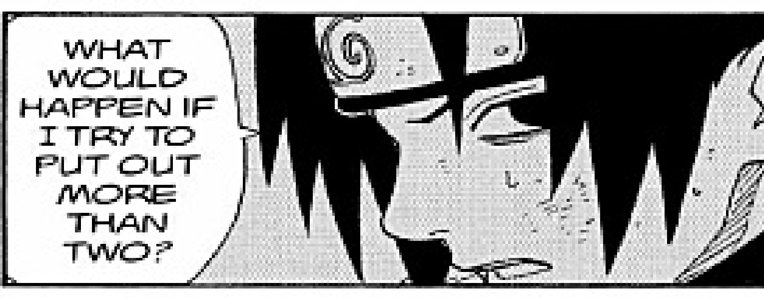


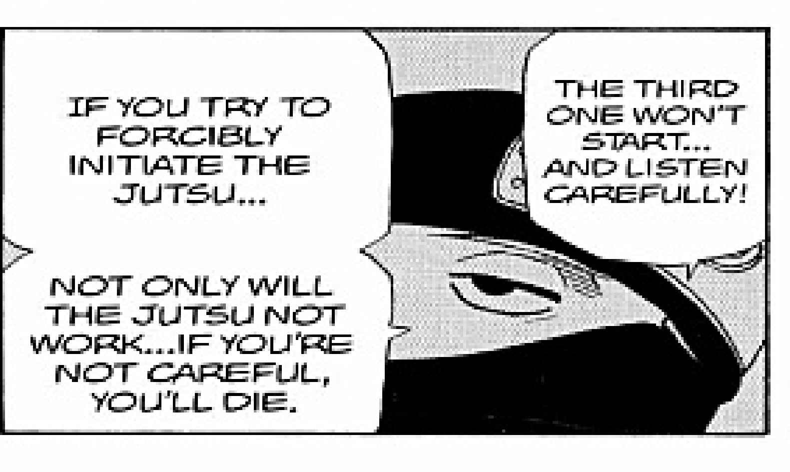




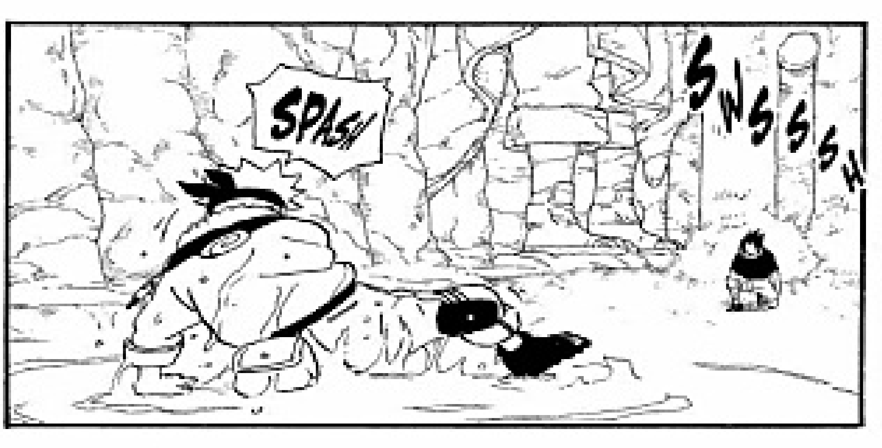

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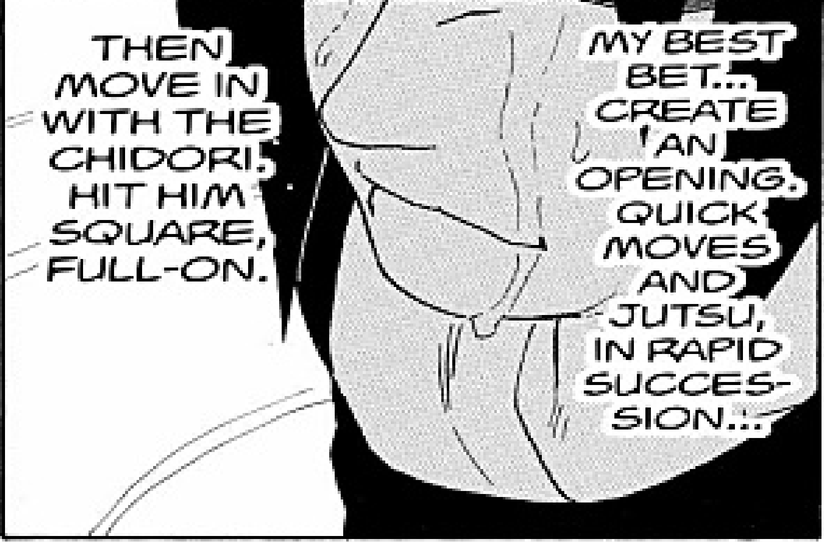

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR LIMIT IS TWO CHIDORI...

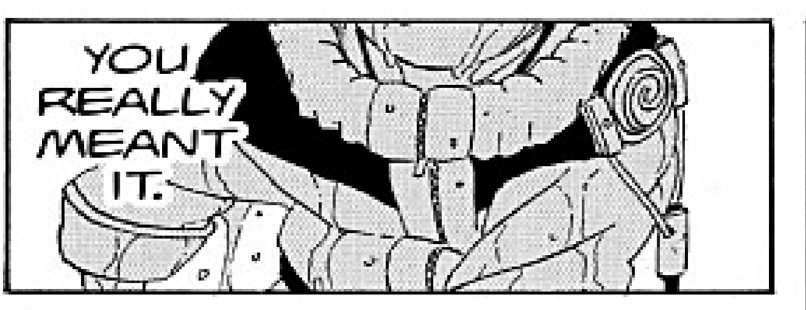

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I TRY TO PUT OUT MORE THAN TWO?

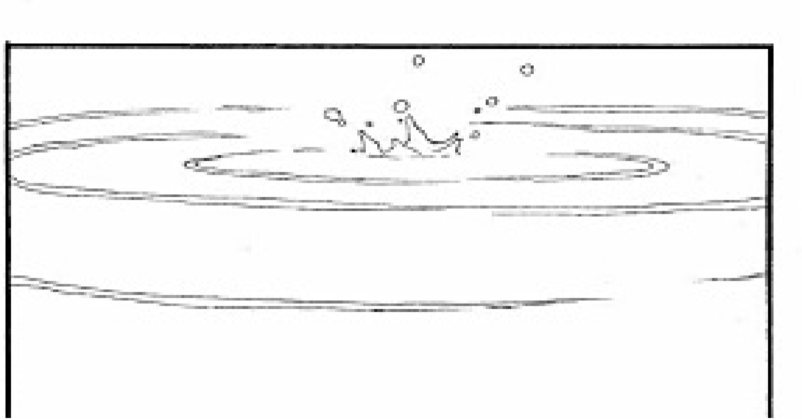

THE THIRD ONE WON'T START... AND LISTEN CAREFULLY!
IF YOU TRY TO FORCIBLY INITIATE THE JUTSU...
NOT ONLY WILL THE JUTSU NOT WORK...IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'LL DIE.


BLAST! CAN'T RISK WASTING ONE.
ESPECIALLY IF IT JUST DRAWS OUT THE STALE-MATE...


SWSSSH
SPASH


MY BEST BET... CREATE AN OPENING. QUICK MOVES AND JUTSU, IN RAPID SUCCES-SION...
THEN MOVE IN WITH THE CHIDORI. HIT HIM SQUARE, FULL-ON.

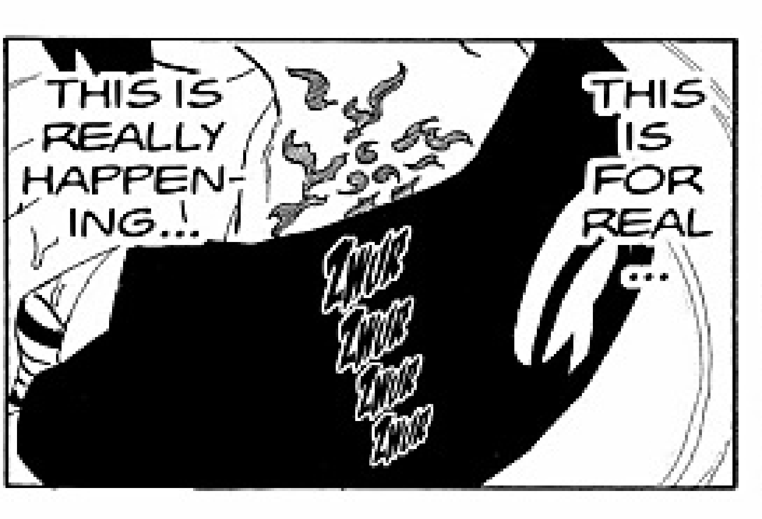

YOU REALLY MEANT IT.

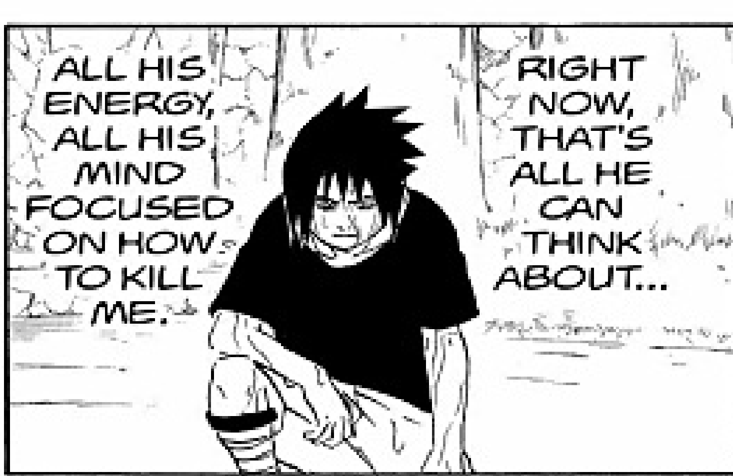


SASUKE ...

YOU REALLY WOULDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT KILLING ME.

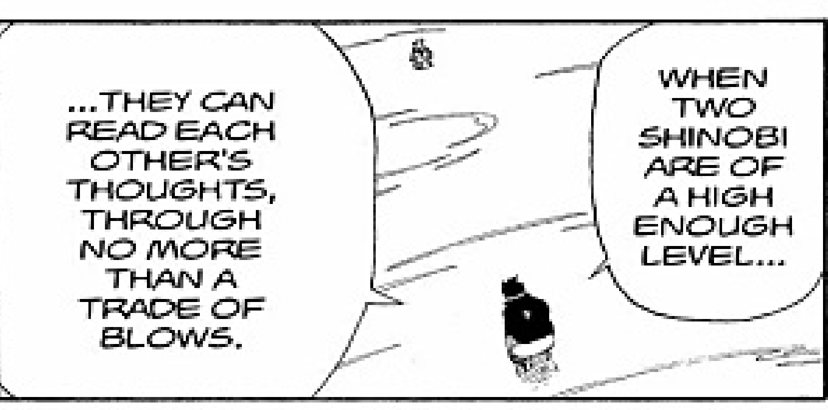


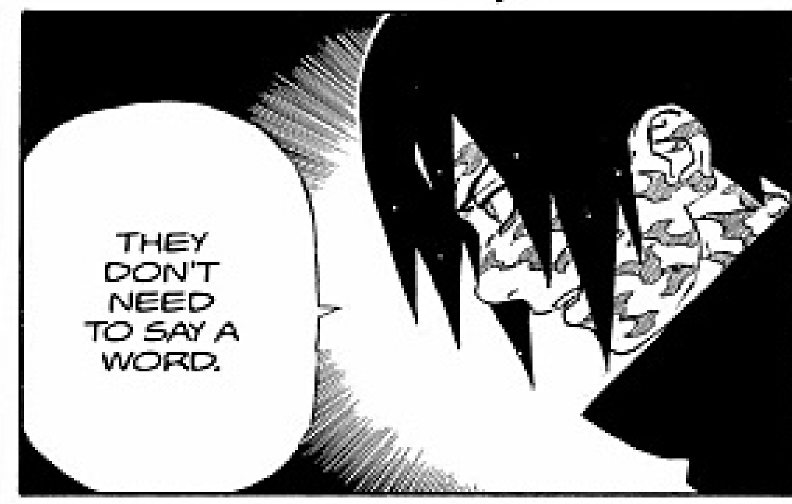




ZWUR
ZWUR


DID YOU KNOW, NARUTO ...
ZWUR

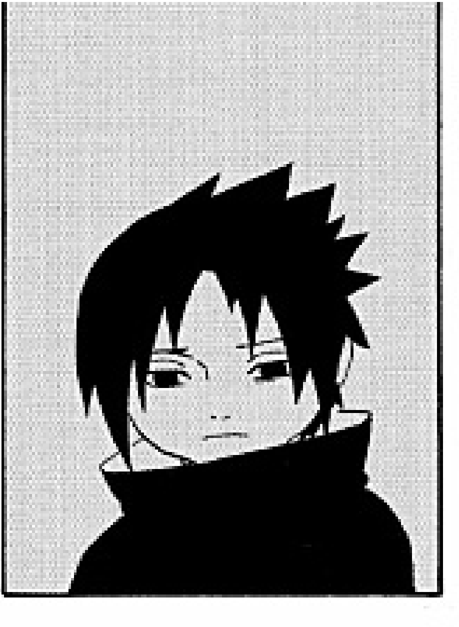

WHEN TWO SHINOBI ARE OF A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL...
...THEY CAN READ EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS, THROUGH NO MORE THAN A TRADE OF BLOWS.

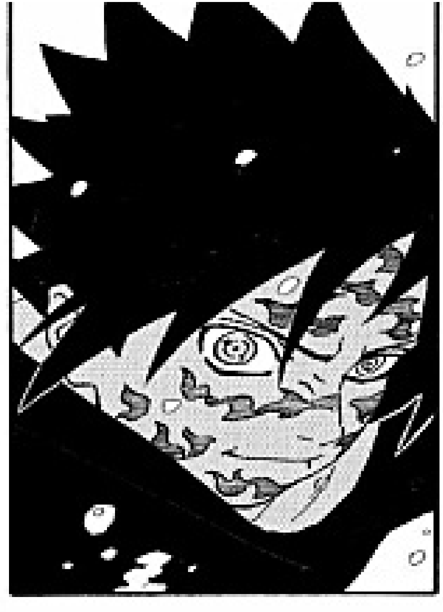

THEY DON'T NEED TO SAY A WORD.

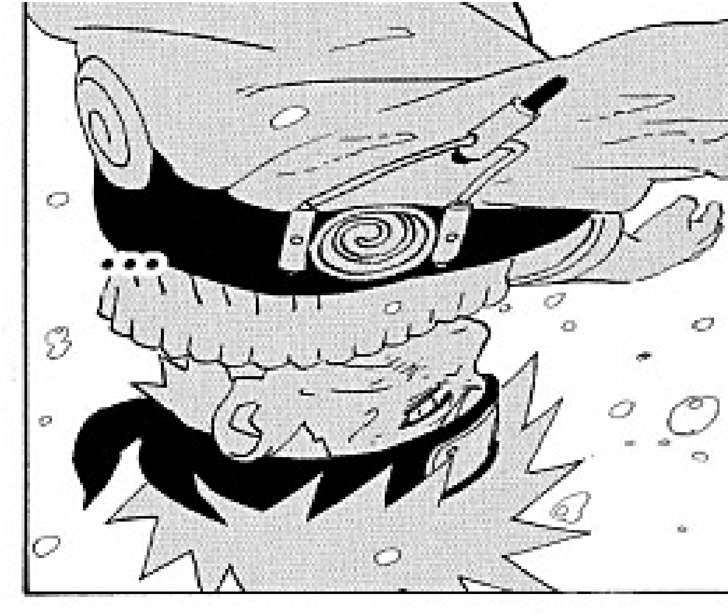

AH, NARUTO... NAÏVE AS ALWAYS.
SO TELL ME.

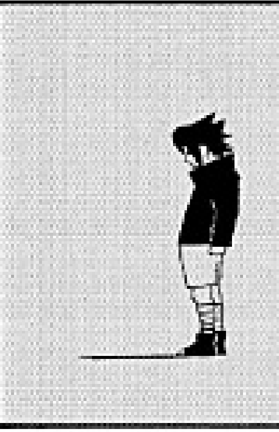

DO YOU KNOW MY THOUGHTS? CAN YOU TELL ME...
... WHAT'S ON MY MIND?
SHOOM
...
MMFF
FIRE STYLE!
FWIP
ART OF THE PHOENIX FLOWER!!
SHUPP


!
WOOP
KLUD
SHW
UNN

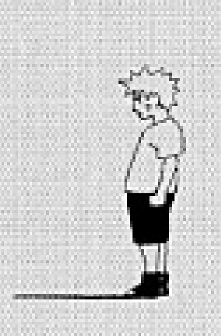





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SASUKE... I KNEW YOU WERE ALWAYS ALONE.

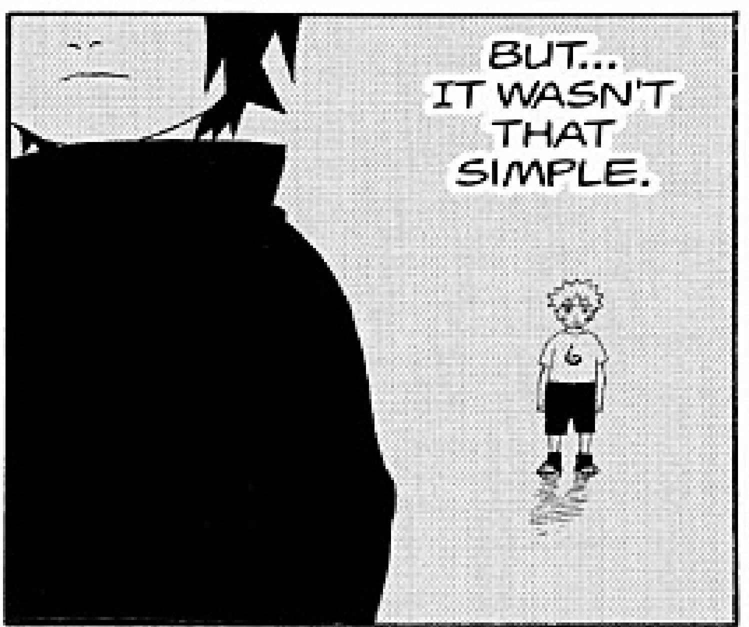


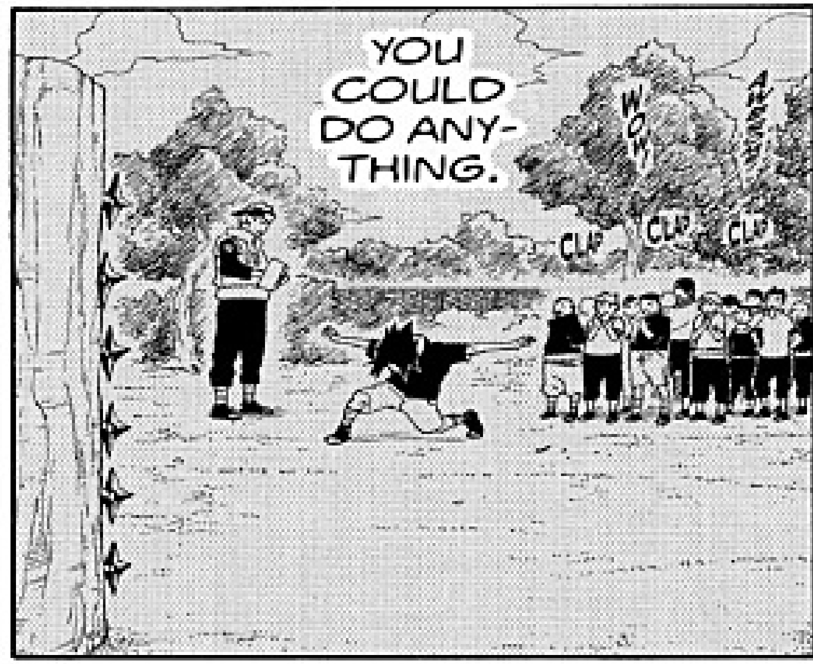

I... I USED TO BE GLAD I FOUND YOU, SOMEONE LIKE ME.

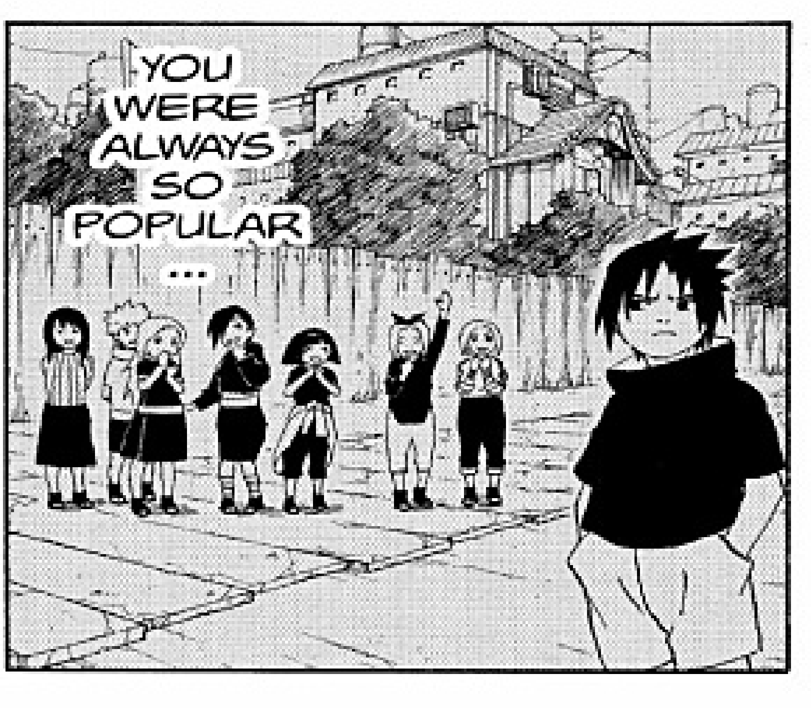

I WAS... HAPPY.
FROM FIRST GLANCE, I WANTED TO KNOW YOU...


READ THIS WAY


DASH
DASH


BUT... IT WASN'T THAT SIMPLE.

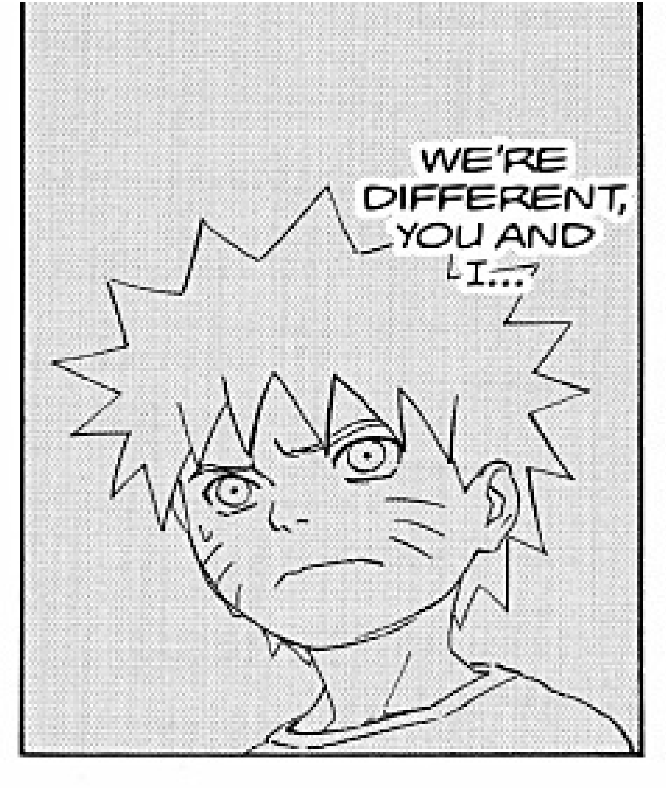

YOU COULD DO ANY-THING.
WOW
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP


YOU WERE ALWAYS SO POPULAR ...




SPASH


SHAA


WE'RE DIFFERENT, YOU AND I...


POW

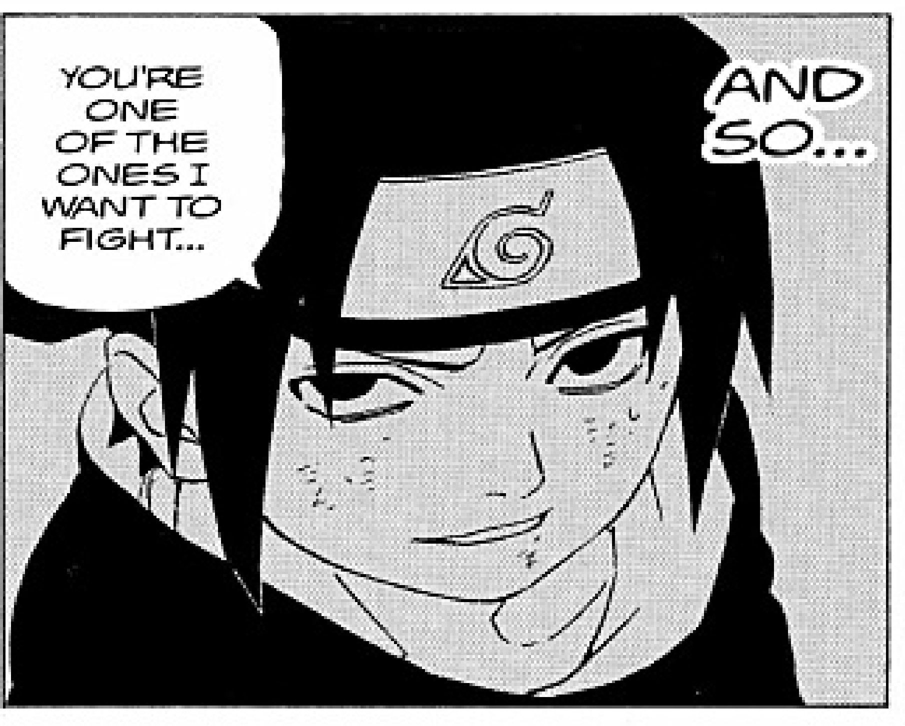

THEN THEY THREW US TOGETHER IN CELL NUMBER SEVEN, AND NOTHING WAS CHANGED.

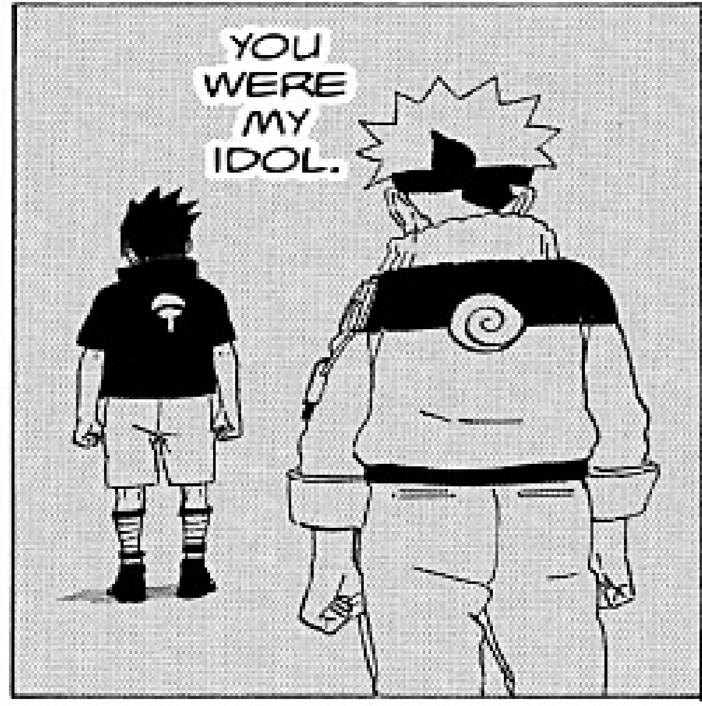

I HAD TO BEAT YOU... 'SPECIALLY, WHAT WITH EVERY-ONE CALLING ME A LOSER.
KICK SASUKE'S BUTT!!
I WAS FRUS-TRATED AND I DECIDED YOU WERE MY RIVAL!

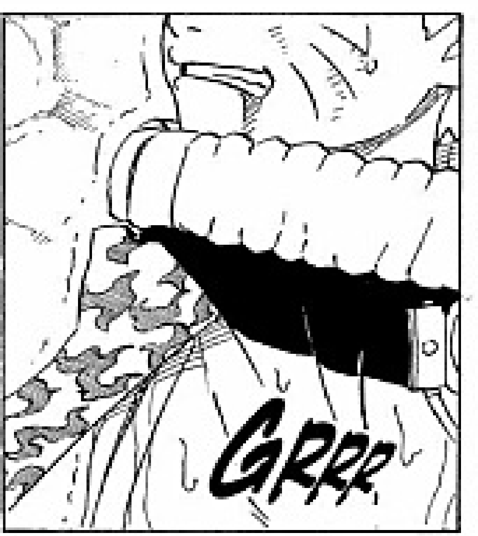

PAKK


I NEVER LET ON WHAT I REALLY FELT.
STUBBORN AS I WAS...

TRUTH WAS, I JUST WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU.













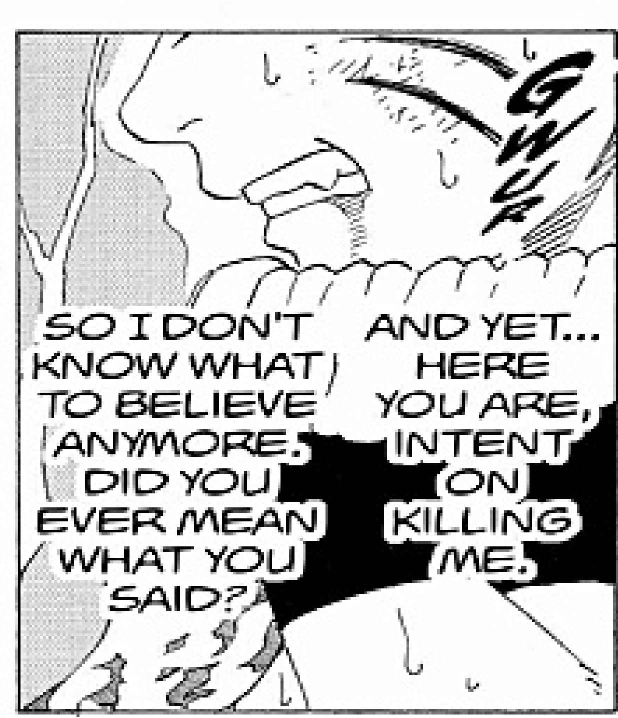


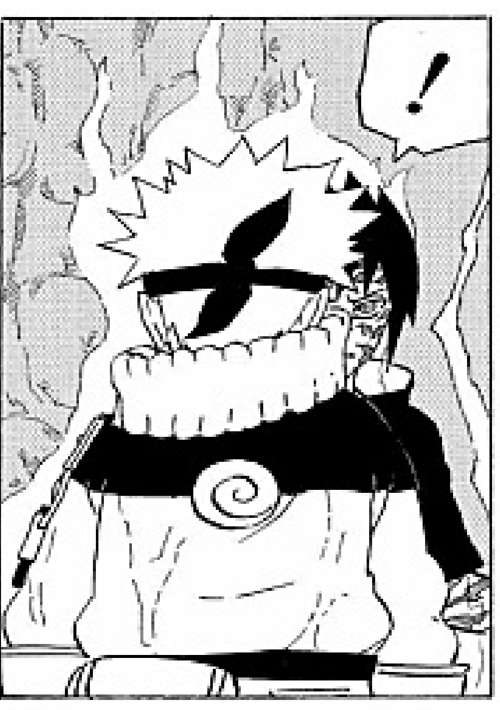


IT'S NOT INSIGNIFICANT. TO ME, YOU'RE...

...MY CLOSEST FRIEND.









YOU'RE TOO LATE...

NARUTO!

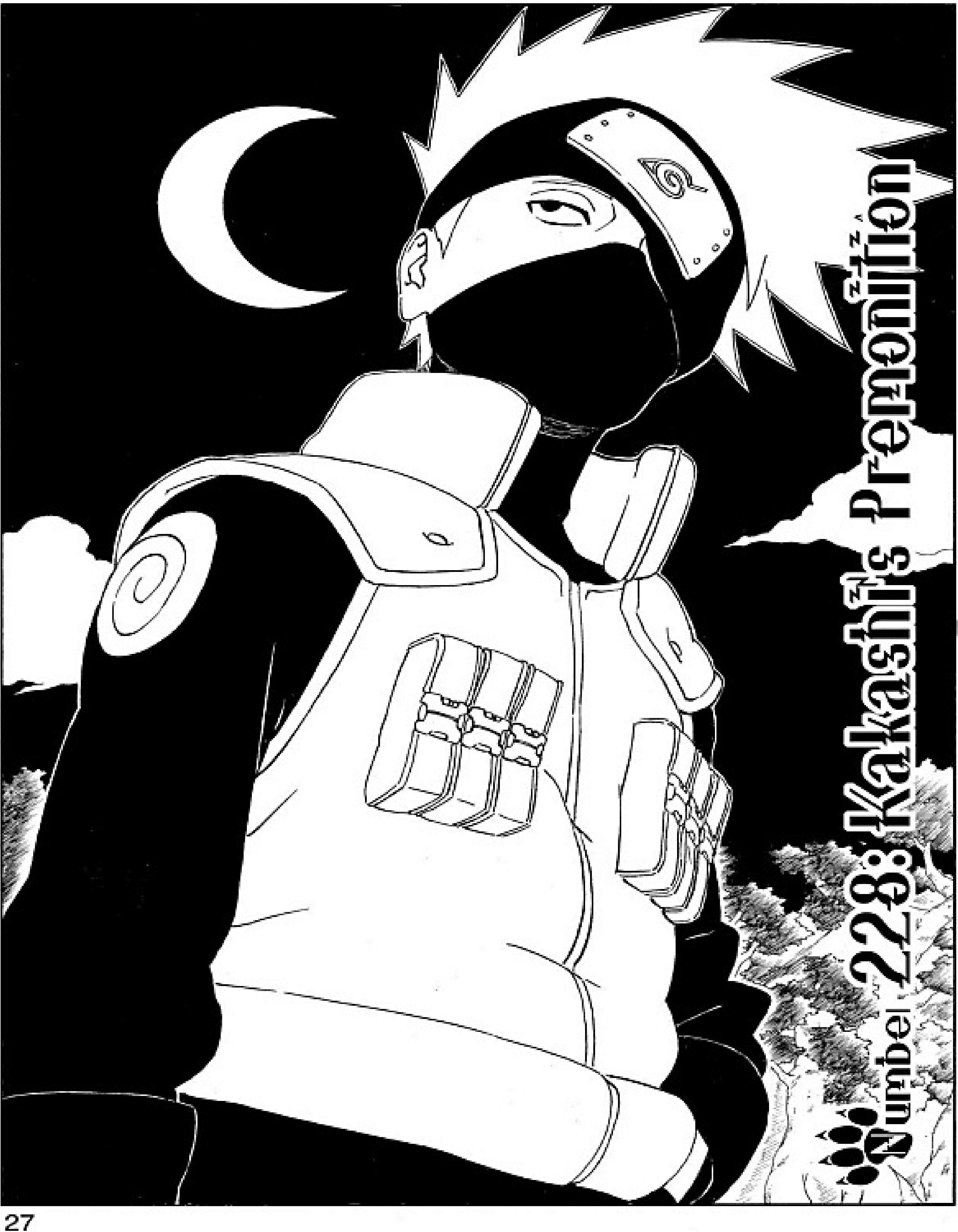
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SHLUKK



There's nothing wrong with a bit of depression. It just shows you're human. That said, I'm fond of Naruto and Mr. Kishimoto: characters unburdened by doubt, who always try to bring out their best.

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Kazuhiro Takahashi

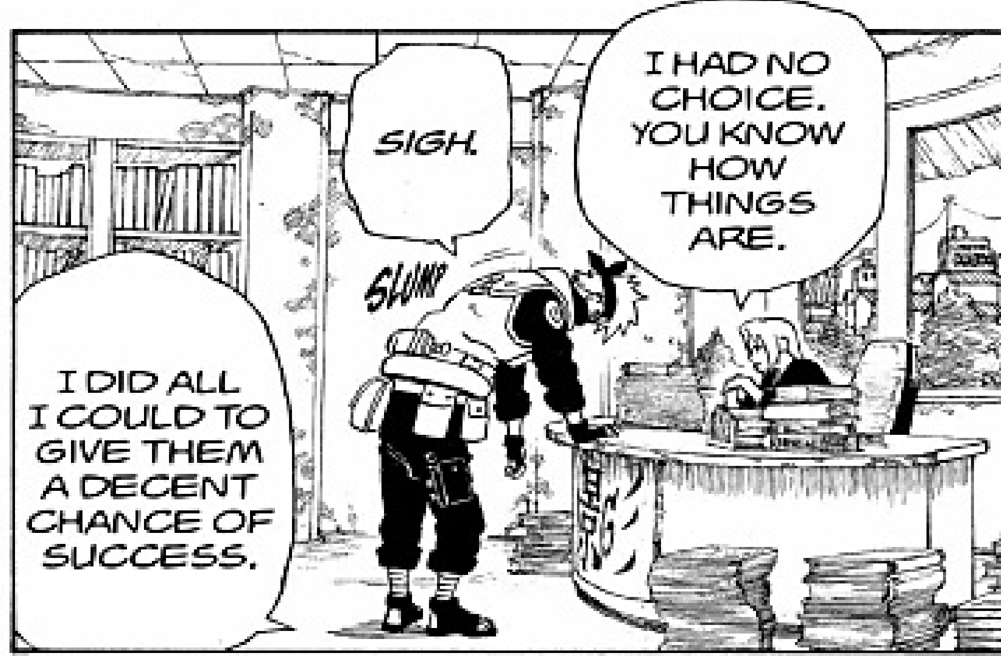

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WHAT?!


ROOKIES? AFTER SASUKE?


TAK


...


SIGH.
SLUMP
I HAD NO CHOICE. YOU KNOW HOW THINGS ARE.
I DID ALL I COULD TO GIVE THEM A DECENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

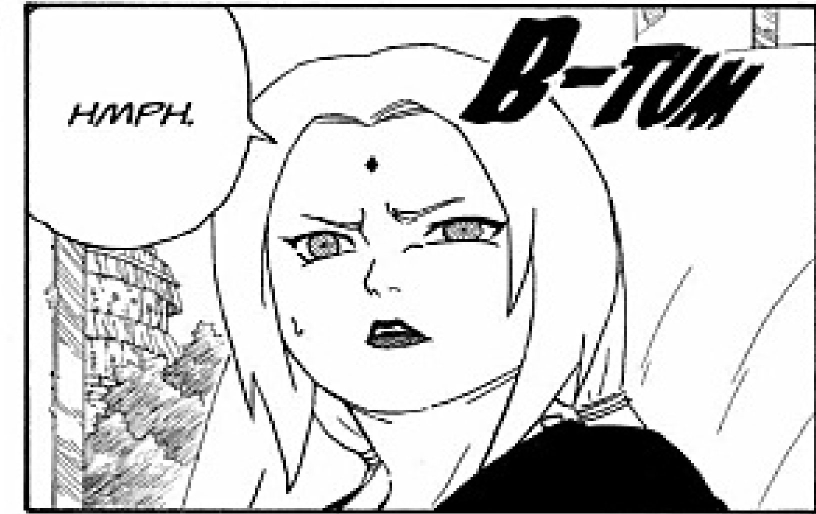

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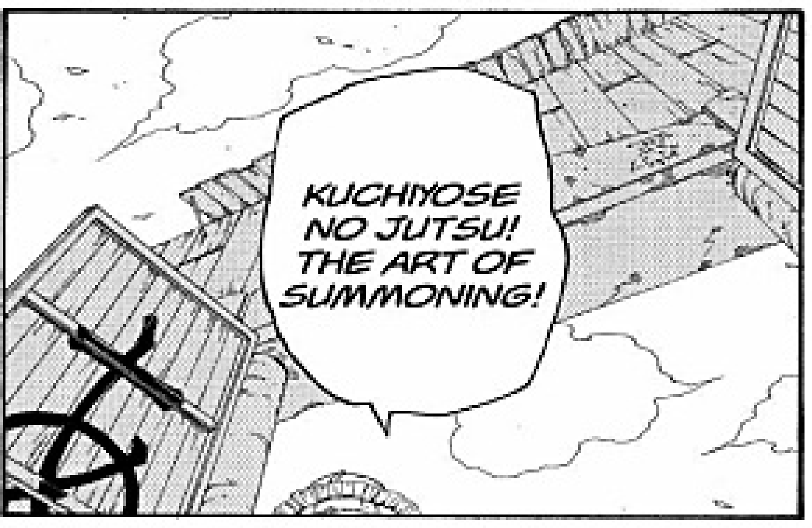

NOW, HOLD ON!
BA-DUM
YOU'VE ALREADY GOT YOUR NEXT MISSION.
SNF
S級


YEAH, WELL... I'LL BE BACK.
SNF
DON'T WORRY YOURSELF.

...

SKFF


B-TUM
HMPH.


KUCHIYOSE NO JUTSU! THE ART OF SUMMONING!

BON
NG

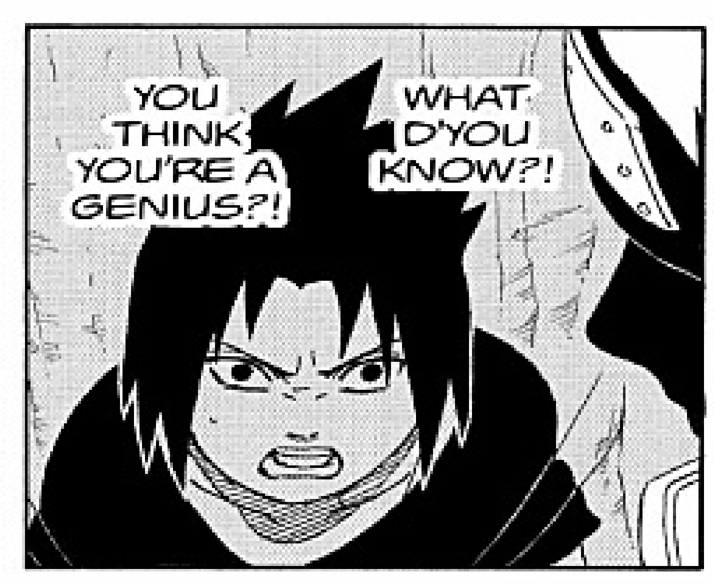

SCATTER!
NOW!


FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH


SCATTER LIKE THE WIND. LOCATE THE SCENTS OF NARUTO AND SASUKE.
THE MOMENT YOU'RE SURE YOU'VE TRACED THEM, CALL OUT.
I'LL BE THERE...
WUFF! WUFF!


READ THIS WAY


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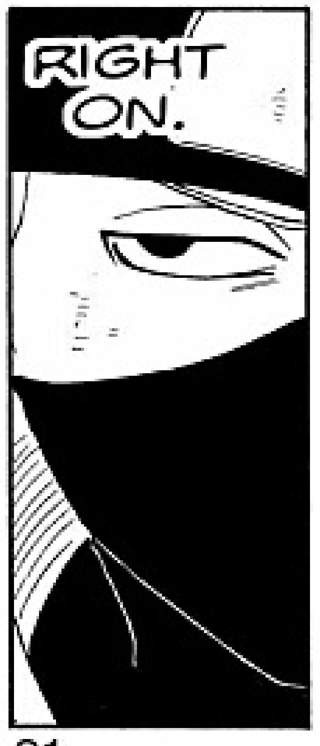

WHAT D'YOU KNOW?!
YOU THINK YOU'RE A GENIUS?!

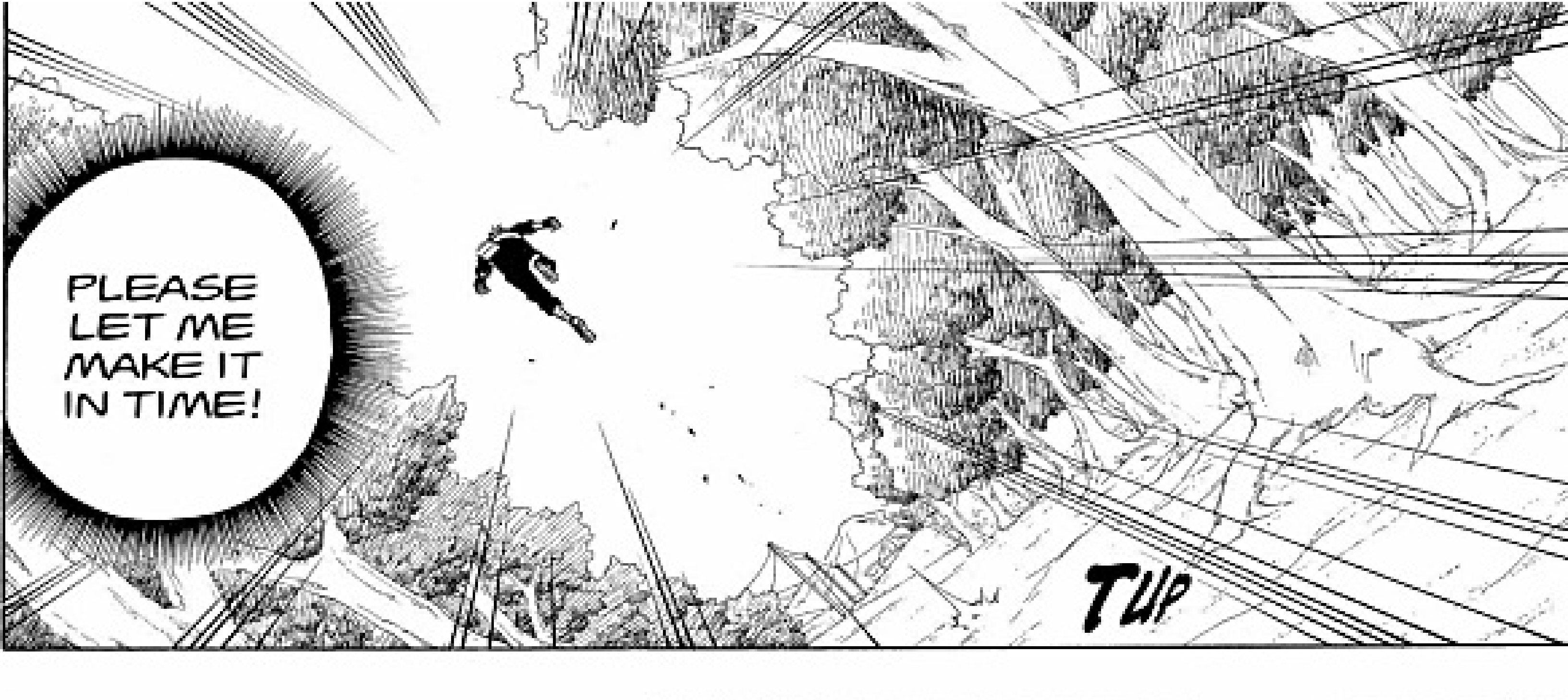





I WAS NAÏVE.
THEY... THEY REALLY COULD KILL EACH OTHER...

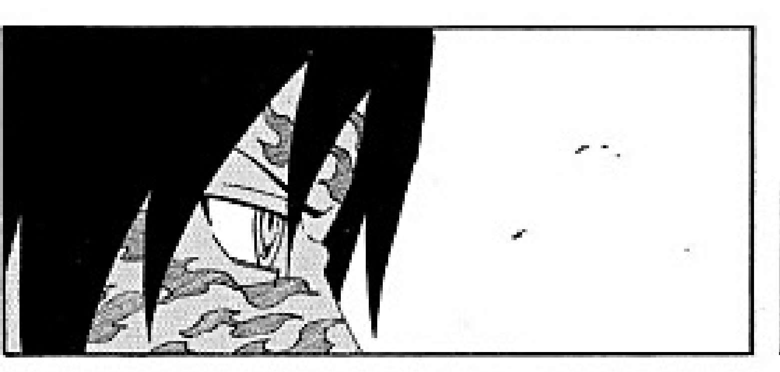

WAOO-OOOU!


RIGHT ON.


PLEASE LET ME MAKE IT IN TIME!
TUP


IN THE END...
MAYBE IT WAS JUST ME WHO THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS...


BUT THEN... THAT MAKES ME...

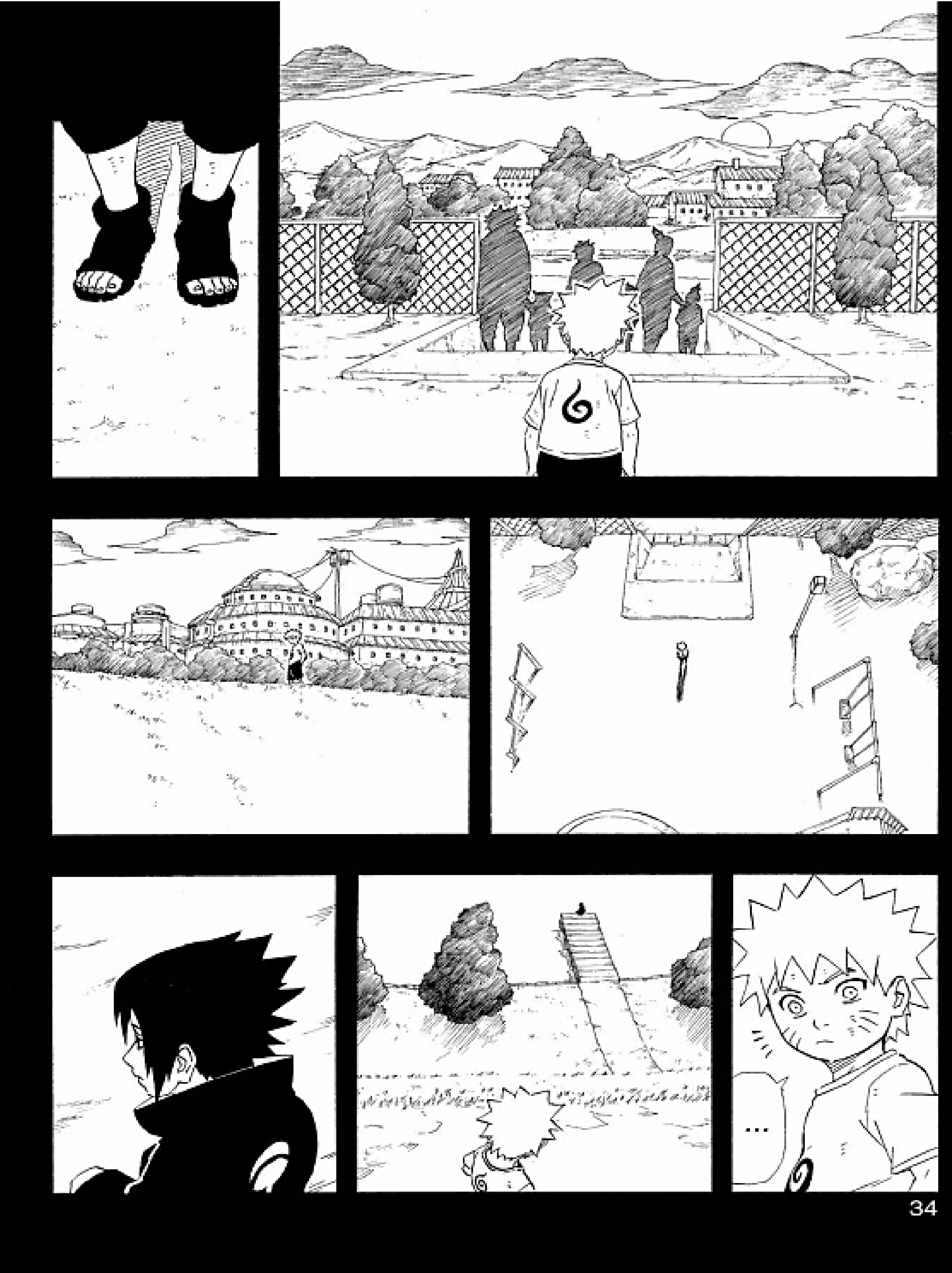



THAT WOULD MAKE ME SO STUPID.
SASUKE.



BUT...

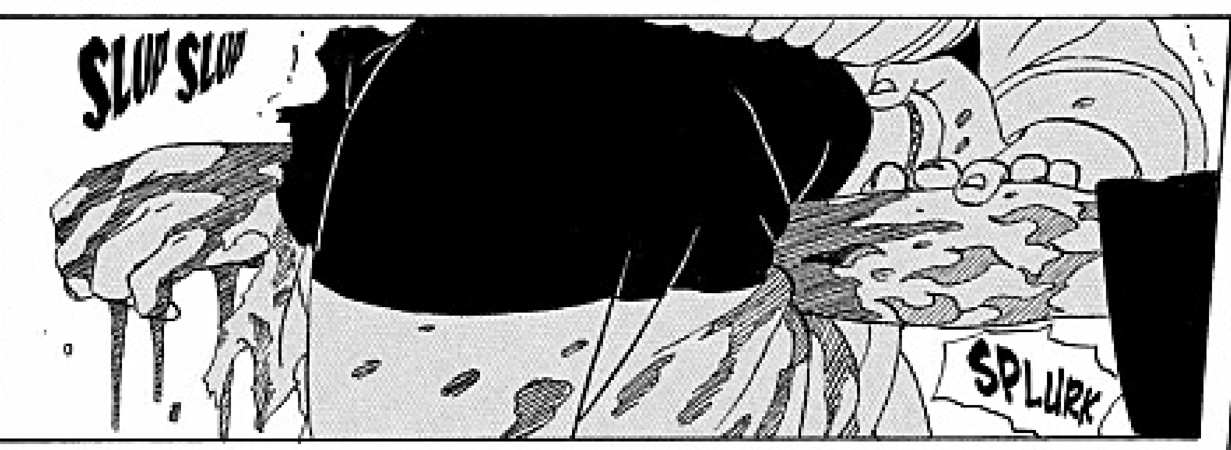
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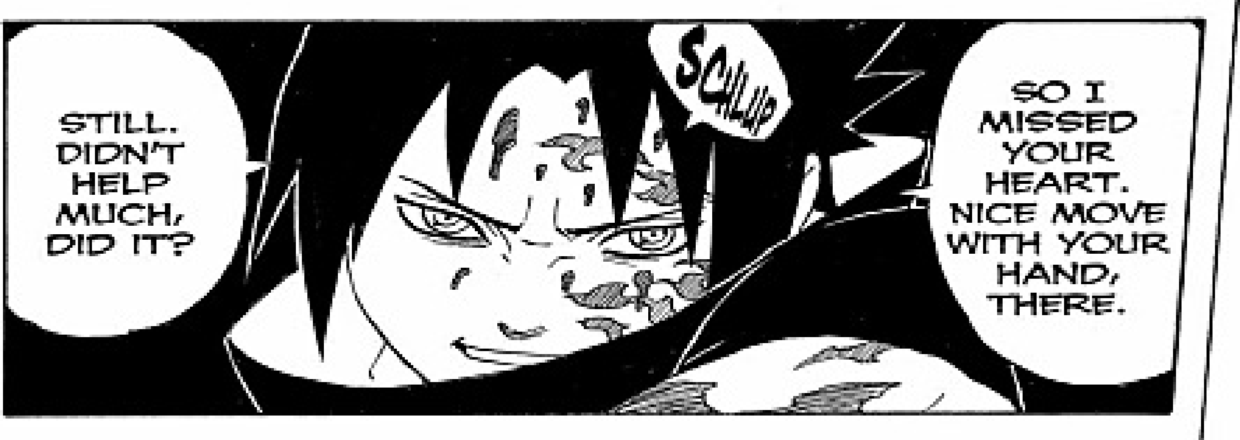

READ THIS WAY
!
I DON'T KNOW WHY.
!
...
I GUESS IT'S JUST...
TEP
TEP
I DON'T WANT A THUG LIKE OROCHI-MARU TO RUIN YOU...



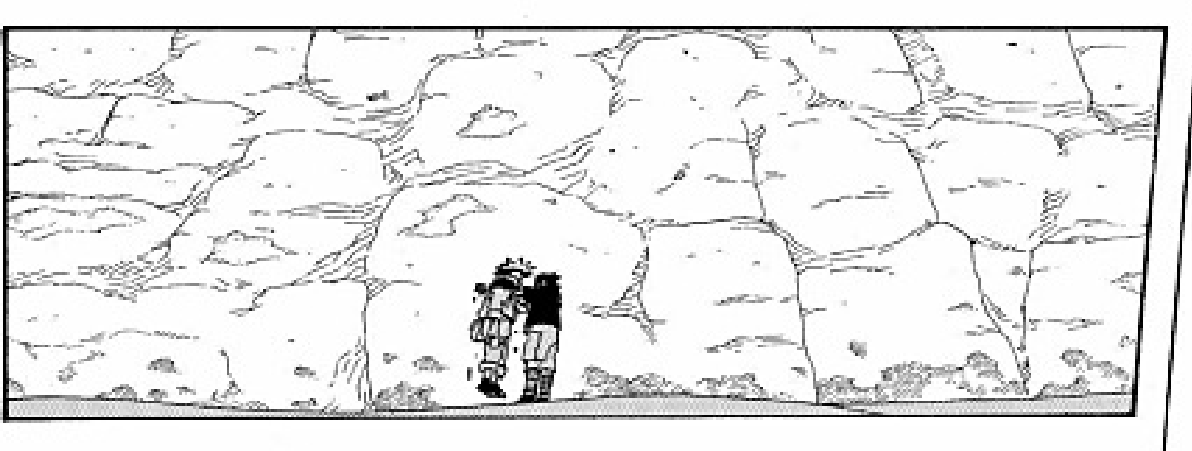
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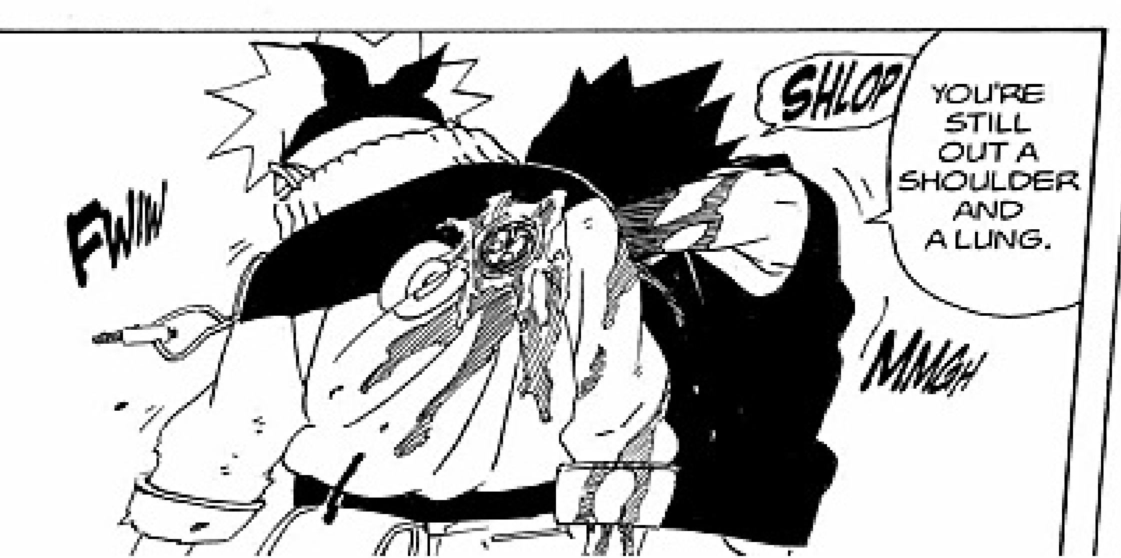


SPLURK
SLUP SLUP



SO I MISSED YOUR HEART. NICE MOVE WITH YOUR HAND, THERE.
SCHLUP
STILL. DIDN'T HELP MUCH, DID IT?



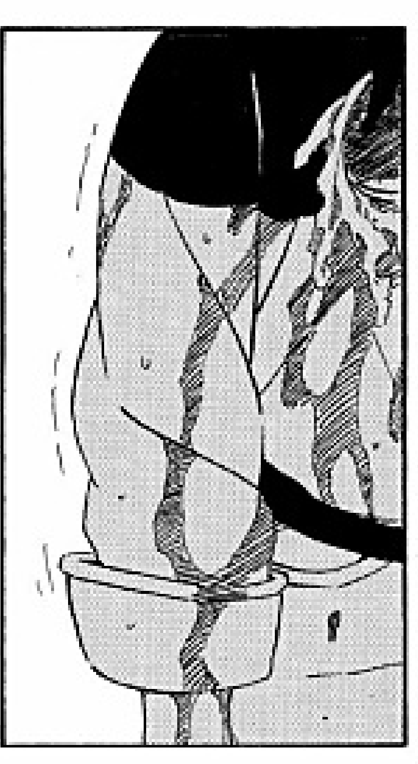


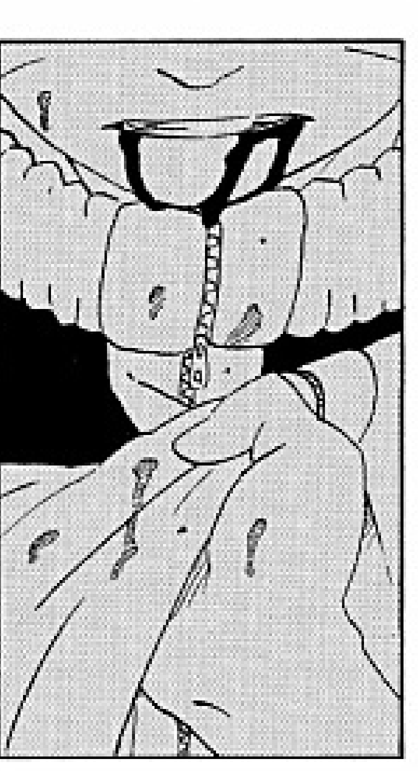
YOU'RE STILL OUT A SHOULDER AND A LUNG.
SHLOP
MMGH
FWIW



SPLUK


GLUP
GLUP
GLUP



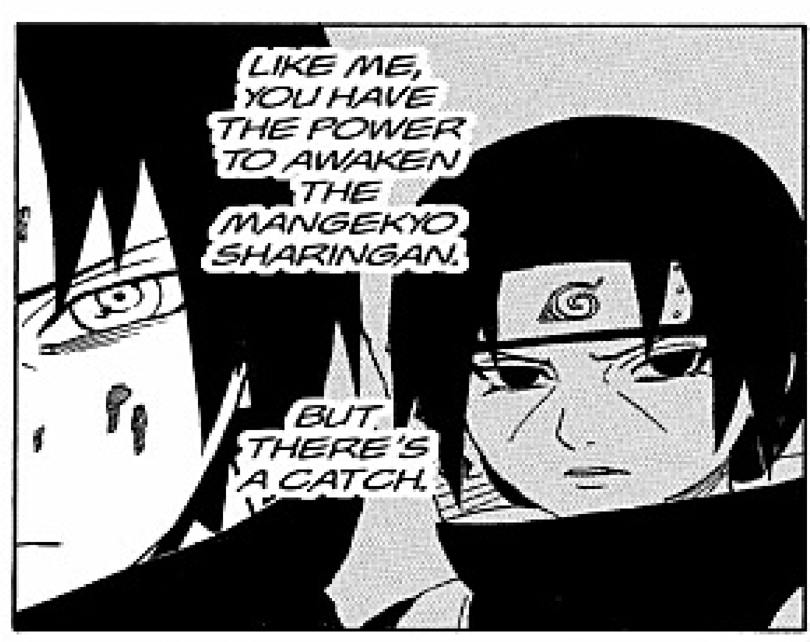



YOU CAN'T USE YOUR RIGHT ARM.
YOU CAN'T EVEN BREATHE PROPERLY.
FORGET ABOUT USING SIGNS, OR YOUR JUTSU. THAT'S ALL OVER.


READ THIS WAY

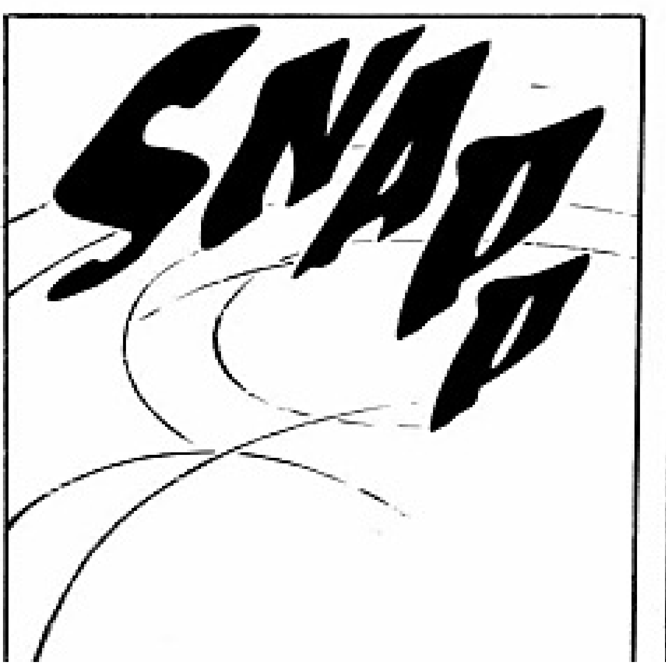

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CHUP

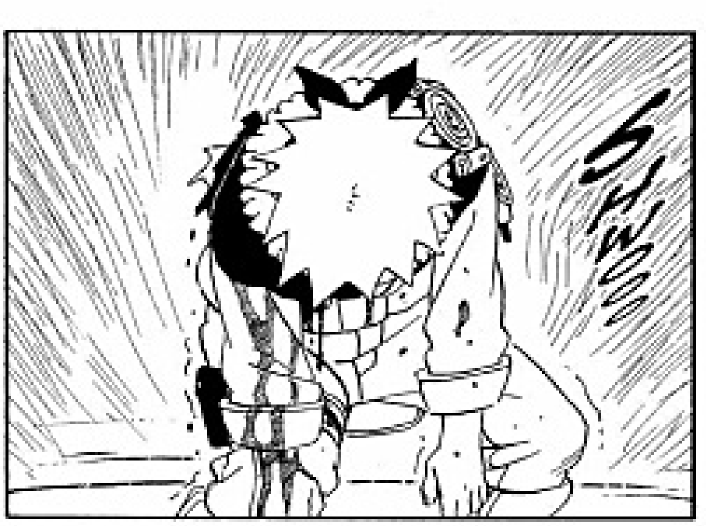

LIKE ME, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
BUT THERE'S A CATCH.

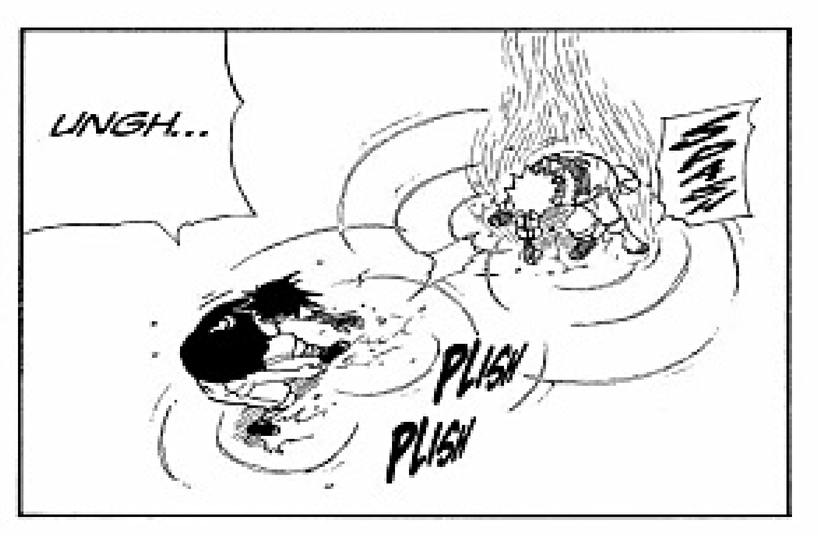

YOU MUST KILL...
...YOUR CLOSEST FRIEND.

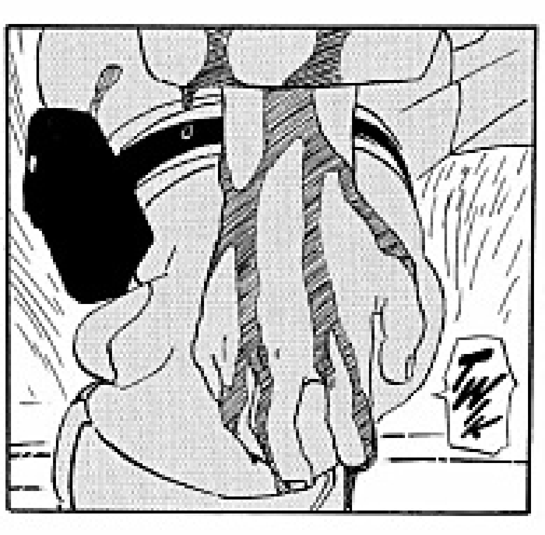

IT'S DONE...
MMF


SNAP

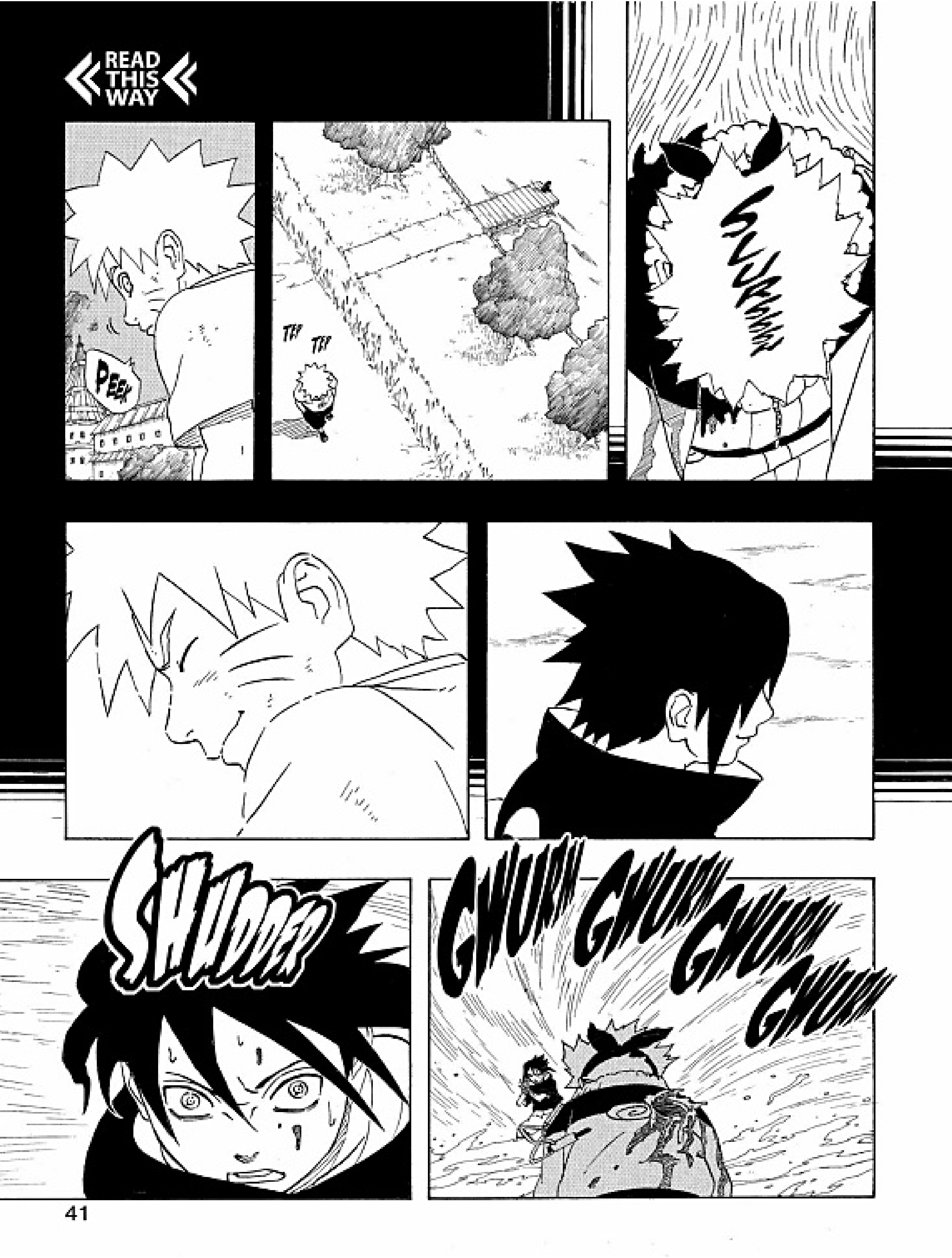
NGAHH!!




UNGH...
PLISH
PLISH




WHAT...?! RED CHAKRA?
THAT POWER... WHERE DID IT COME FROM?!


READ THIS WAY
TP
TP
PEEK
SHUDDER






WHA... WHAT IN...
?!!

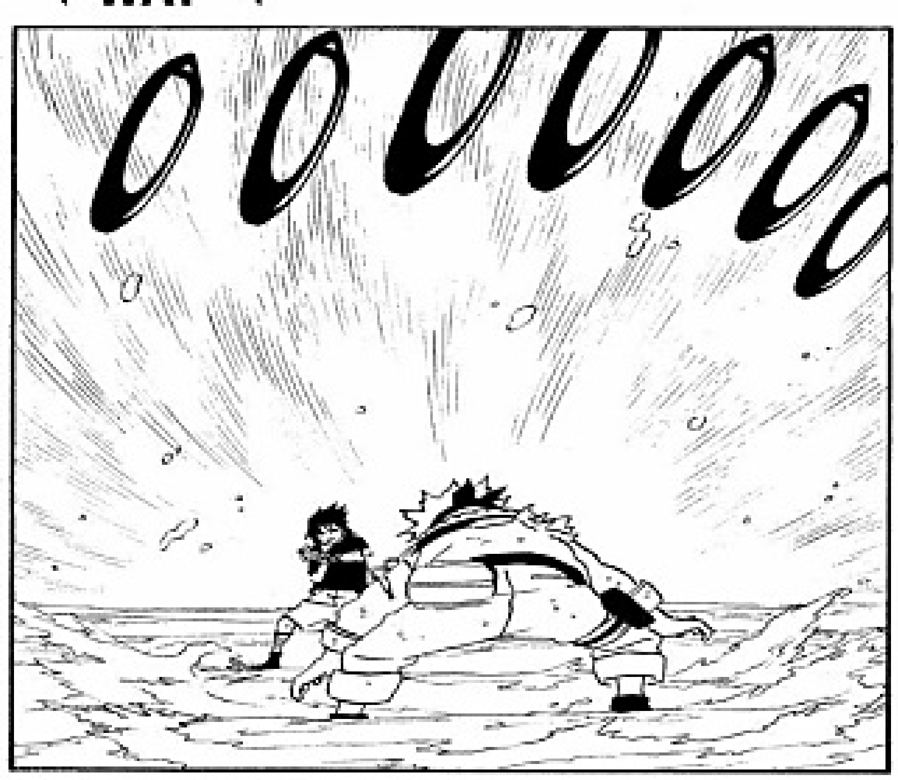
SSSHHHHHH

SSSHHHHHH

SSSHH







SASUKE!

OROCHI-MARU CAN'T HAVE YOU!

I'M GONNA BRING YOU HOME SAFE IF I HAVE TO BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY!!

SKFF



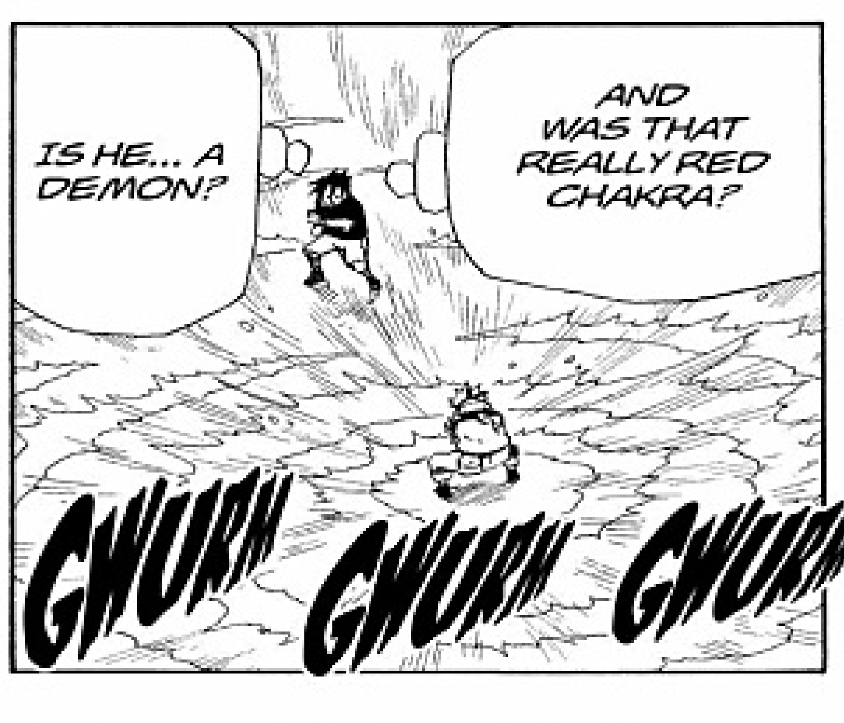
Mr. Kishimoto! Congratulations on the 5th anniversary of Naruto! Please stay healthy and keep up the good work!

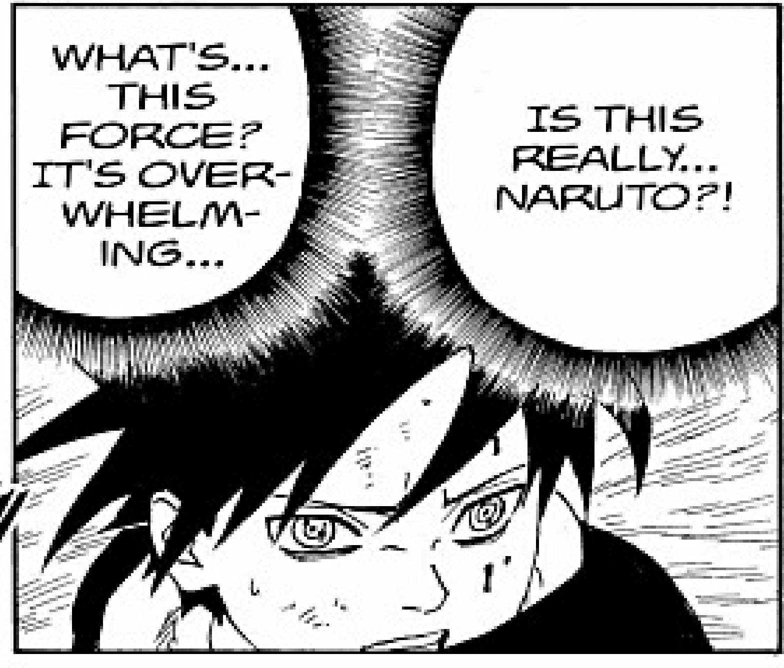
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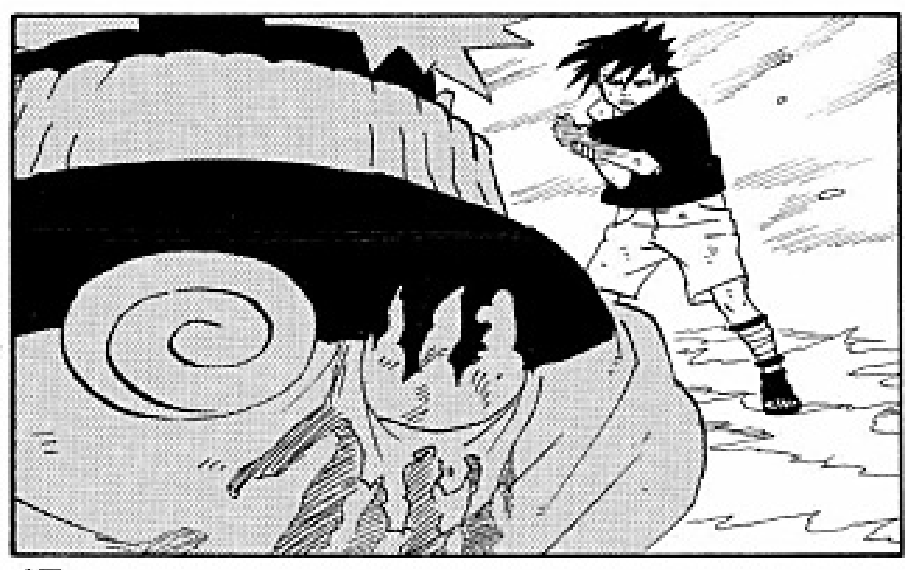
大久保彰

Number 229: The Bond...!!









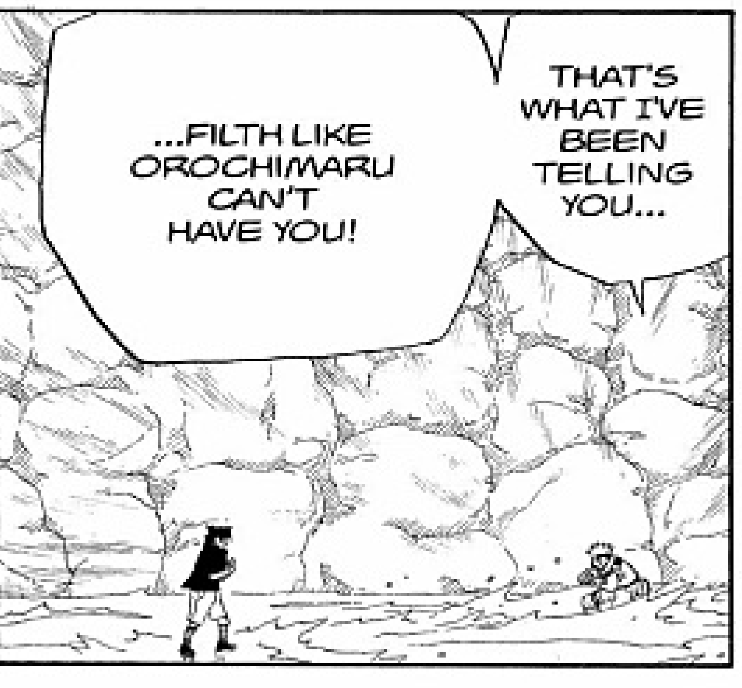




Number 229: The Bond...!!

YOUR FRIEND.







AND THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA STOP YOU...

...IF I HAVE TO BREAK YOUR EVERY LIMB!!

...

!!

RAAAGH!!

SHAS SH





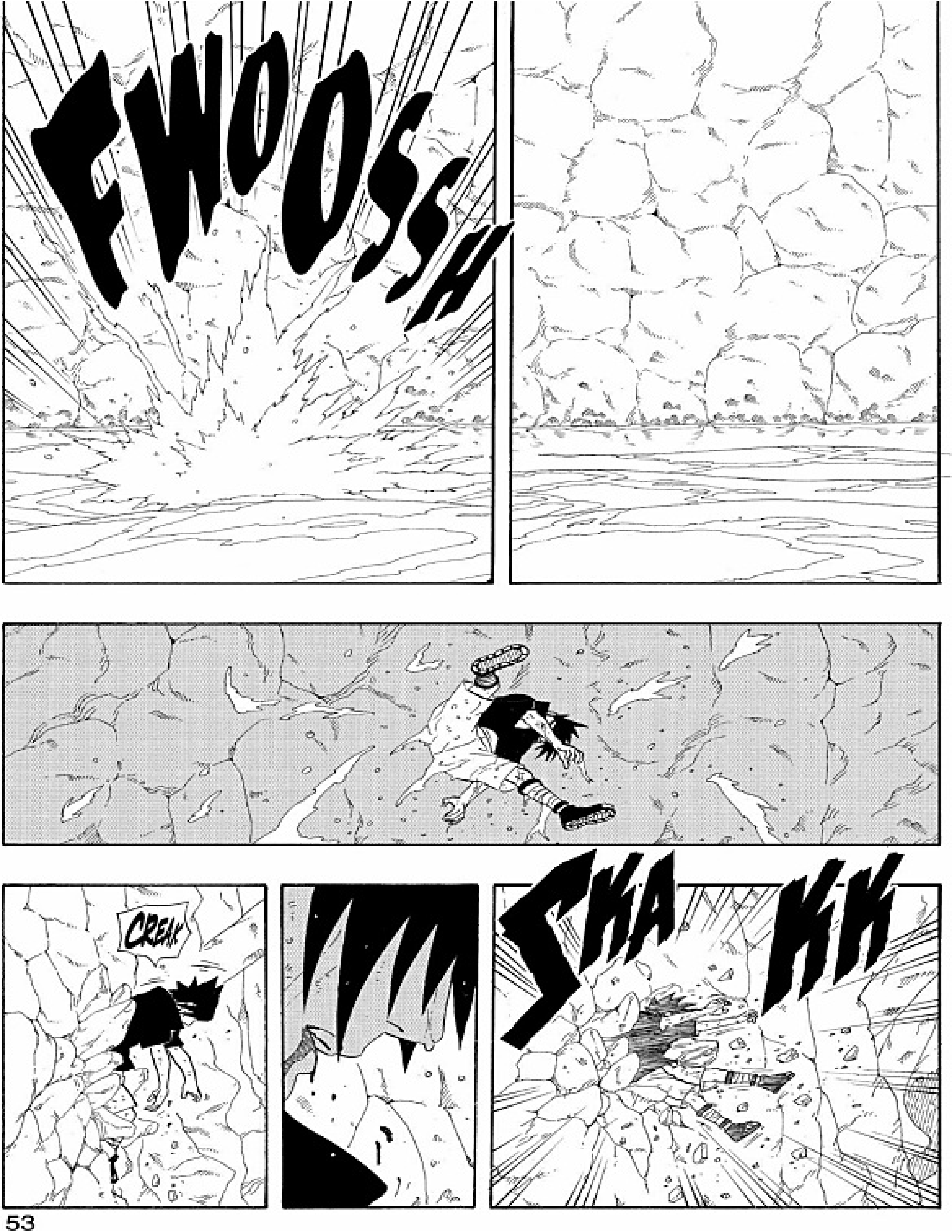







FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!
OOF
KWAHH!!
GAHH!!


NO WAY...
WITH JUST HIS CHAKRA?
BUB BUB BUB
WHAT?! HE'S... SO FAST...
!!
FUMP
FUMP FUMP


FWOOSH
CREAK
SKAKK

SPA

KAH

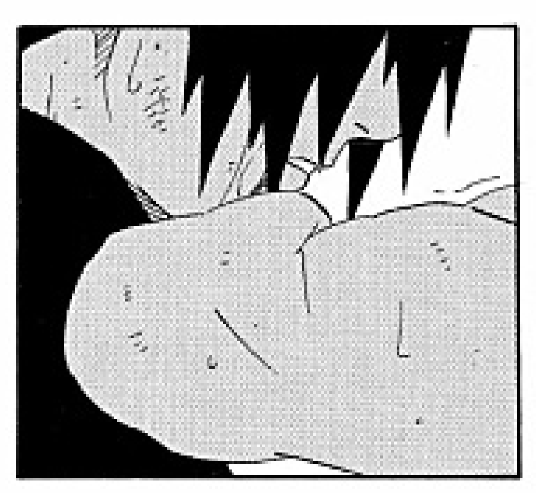
YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP!

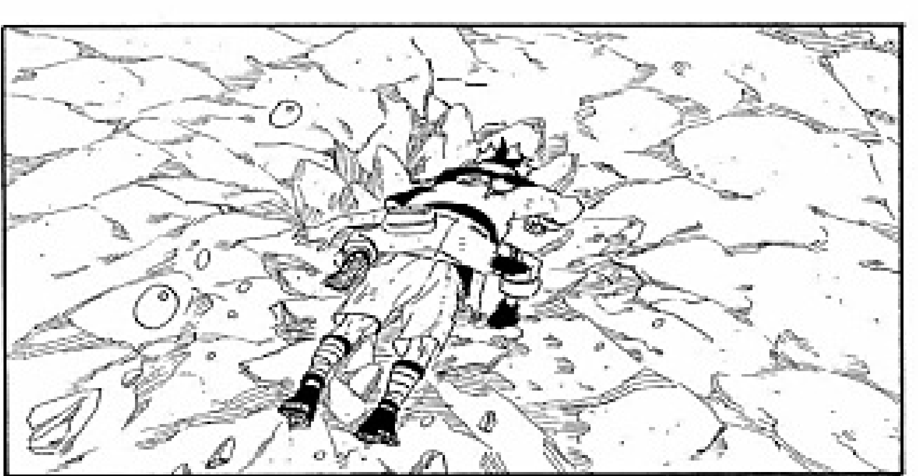
IF YOU DON'T, I *WILL* CRUSH YOU...

AND WHEN YOU'RE MANGLED ENOUGH TO STOP, I'LL DRAG YOU HOME.

PLIK

PLIK

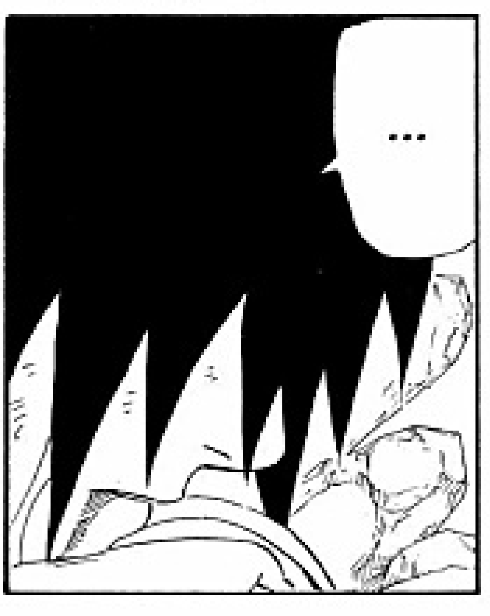


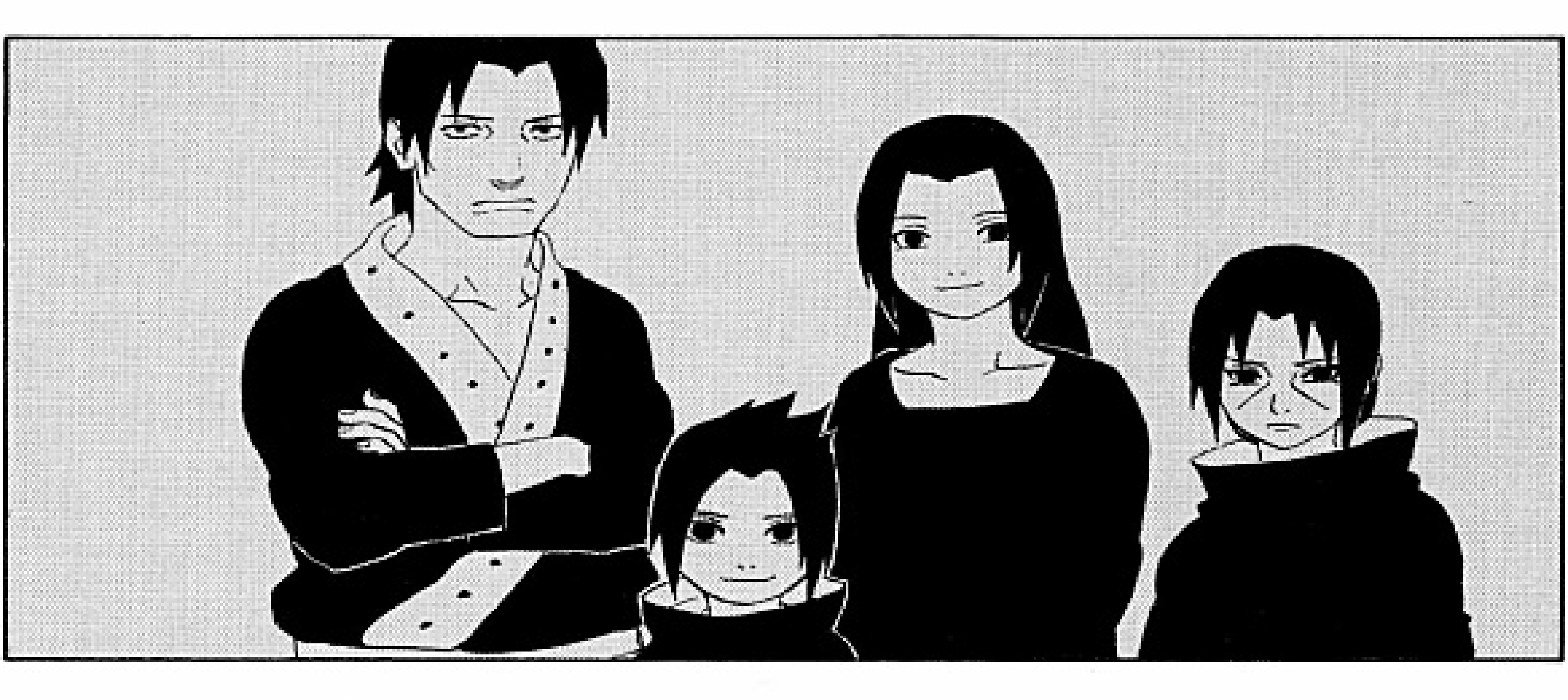



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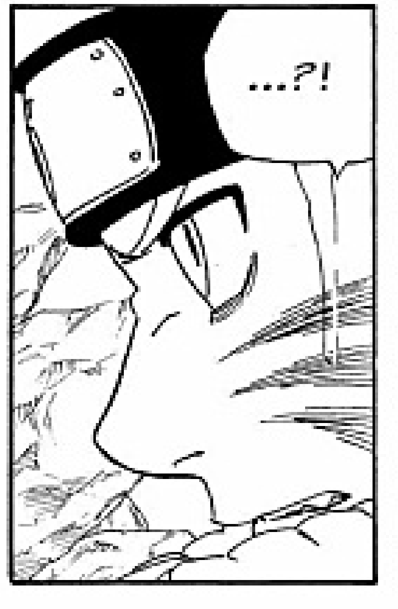

HEH...
HEH HEH...


...!


...




YOU CRACK ME UP...
...


...?!

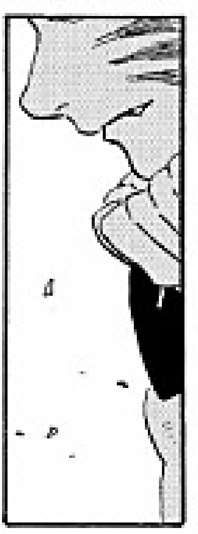

YOU'VE GOT NO PARENTS, NO BROTHERS ...
WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT ME?

YOU WERE ALONE TO BEGIN WITH!!
HUNH ?!!
WHAT CAN YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?!
...!
THIS PAIN IS BORN FROM MY FAMILY BONDS!
HOW COULD YOU EVER KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO *LOSE* ANYTHING!!
KLUDD
UMK!

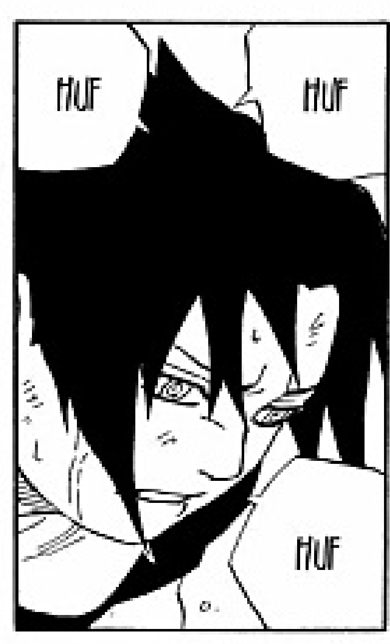

READ THIS WAY


SKRRRT


PLIX
PLIX




...


HUF
HUF
HUF


IT'S TRUE, I DON'T KNOW A THING...
...ABOUT HAVING BROTHERS, OR REAL PARENTS.


BUT...
WHENEVER I'M WITH MASTER IRUKA, I KIND OF GET THE PICTURE...


A SHINOBI'S GOTTA HAVE A FULL STOMACH!
FINE. JUST DON'T GET CRAZY AND OVER-STUFF IT!

I THINK... NO, I IMAGINE...
HE'S KIND OF LIKE A FATHER.








READ
THIS
WAY


YOU STUPID IDIOT!
YOU'RE THE IDIOT!


YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME!!
SAY WHAT YOU WANT...


HAH! WHAT D'YA SAY TO THAT?!
HMPH!


...


...






READ THIS WAY

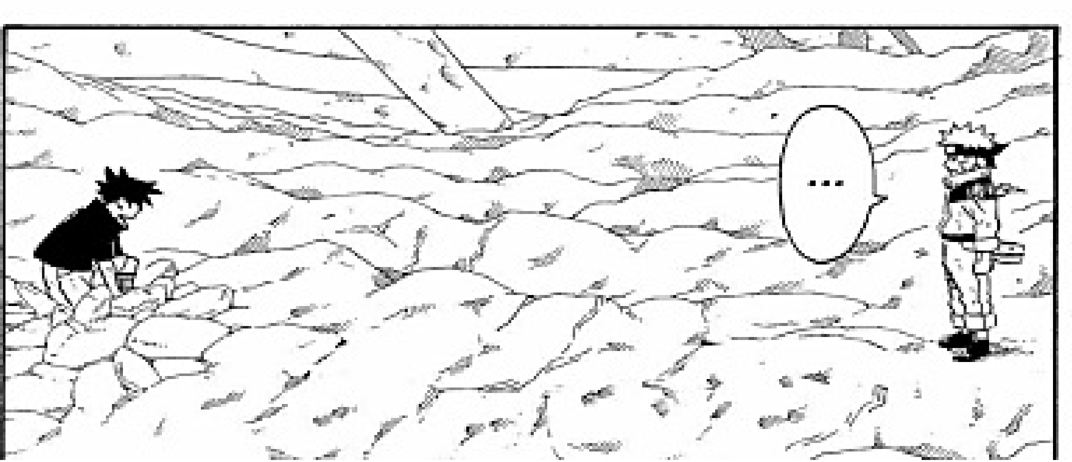


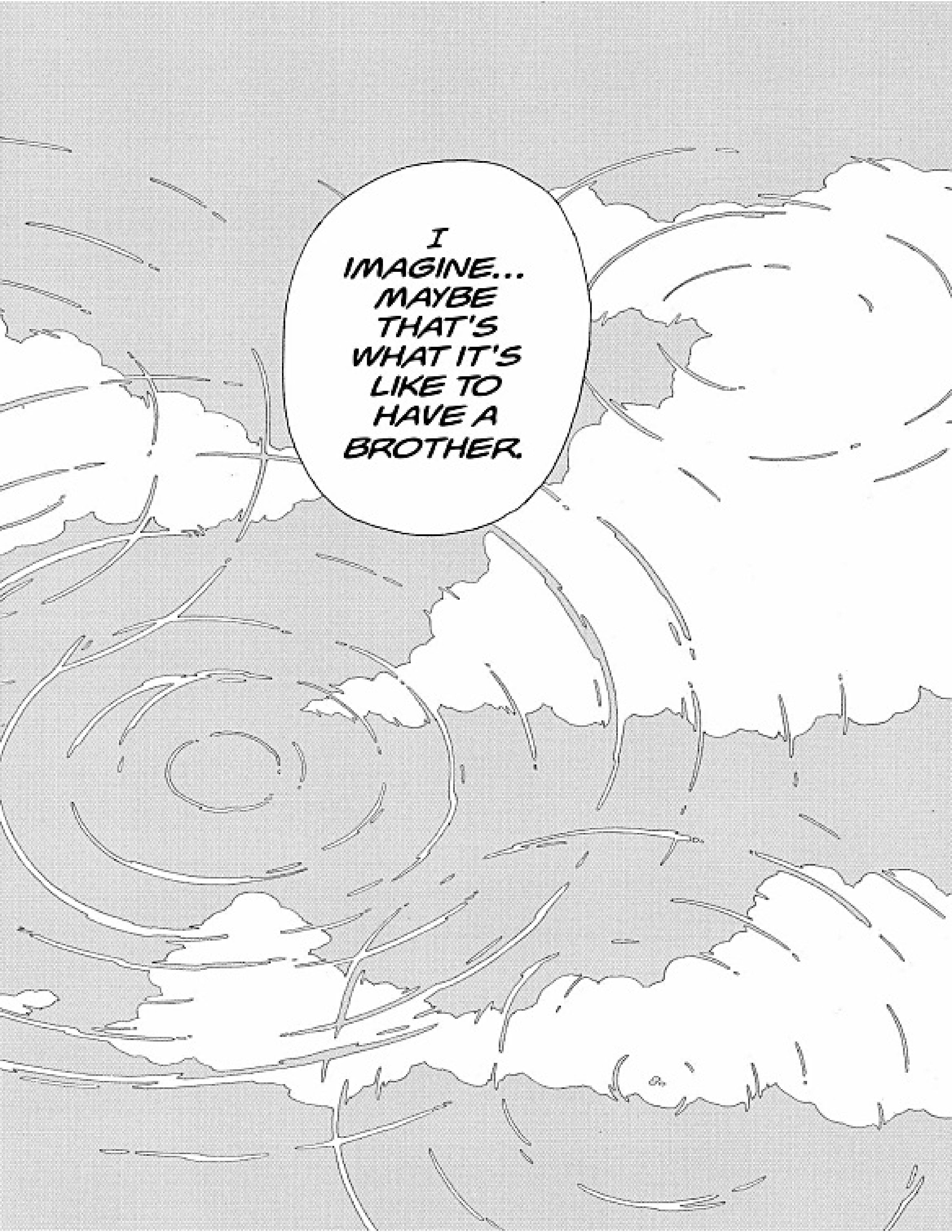

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WHY?


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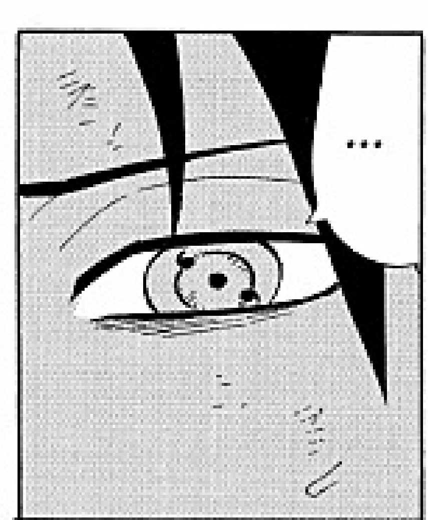

WHY DO YOU WASTE SO MUCH EFFORT ON... ME?


...

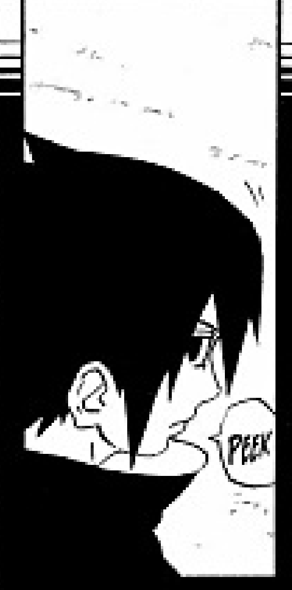

I IMAGINE... MAYBE THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A BROTHER.


BECAUSE... FOR ME...
YOU WERE PART OF MY FAMILY.


SO. THAT'S WHY...
I HAVE TO STOP YOU!


...




PEEK

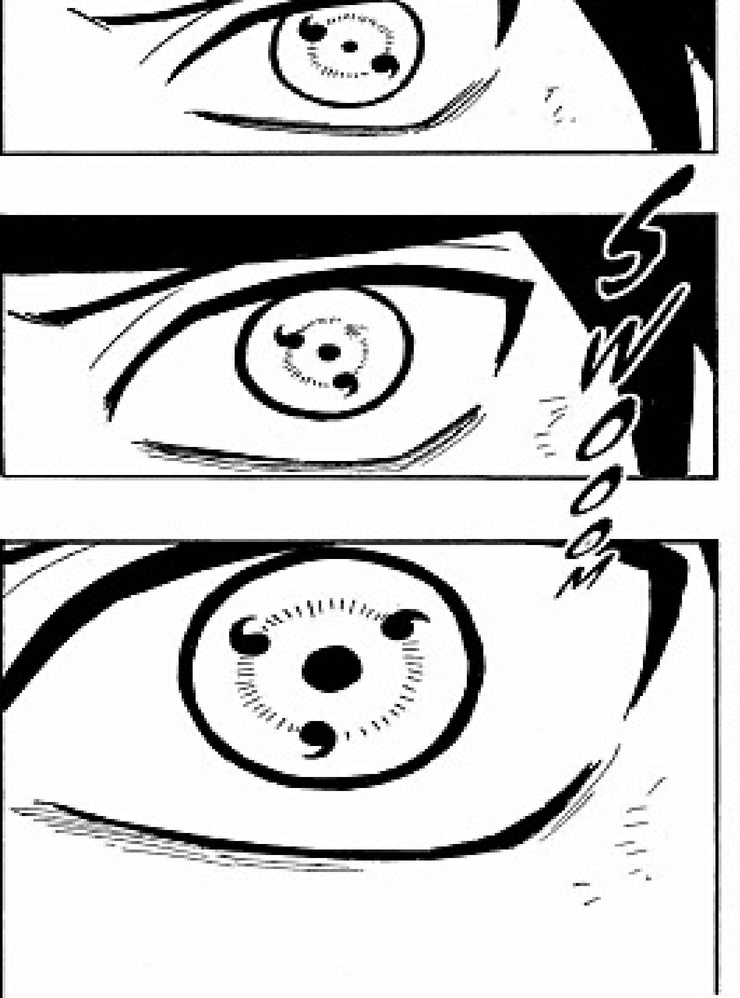



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SHKK

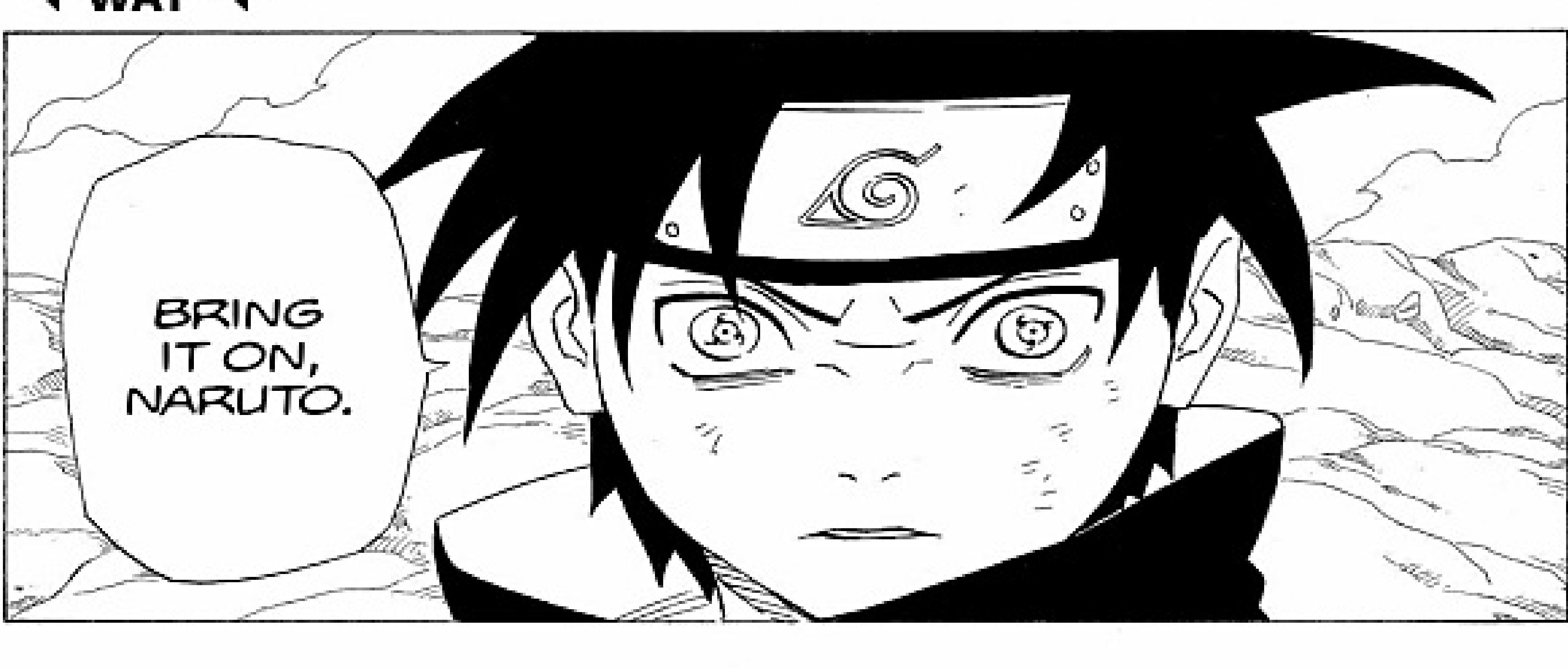

SHFF


...!


SWOOOM









IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO...

...IS SEVER THAT BOND!


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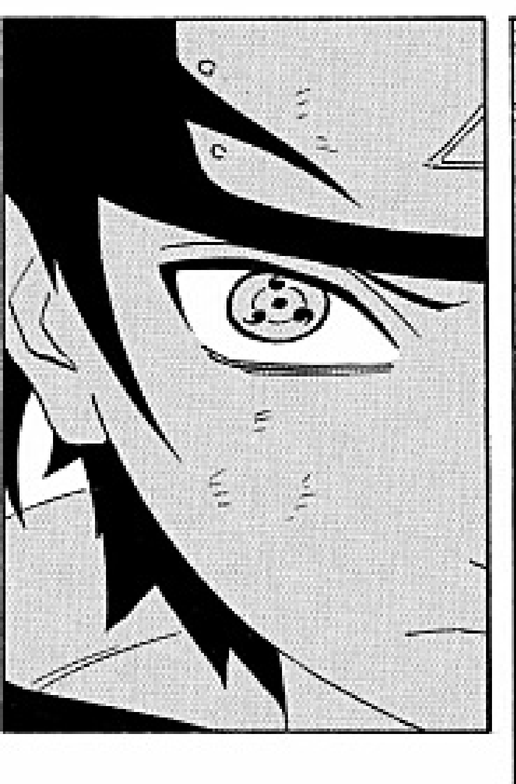
Number 230: Awakening!!



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SEVER THE BOND?

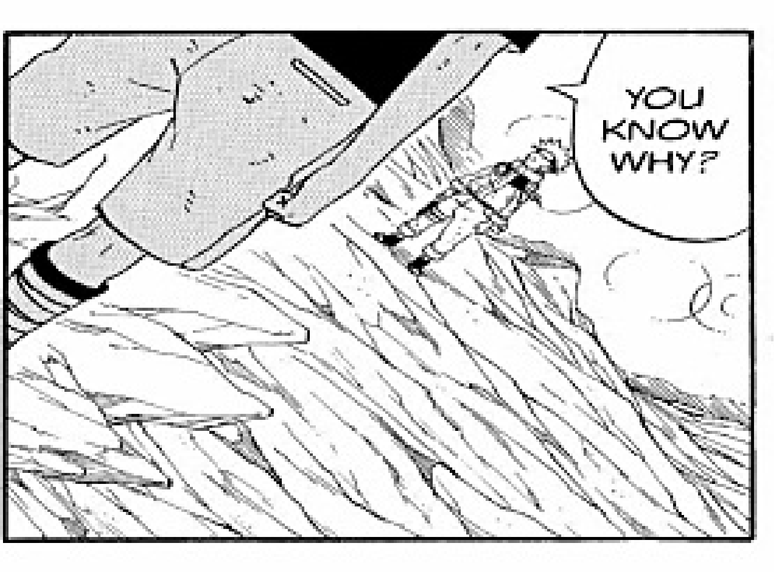





READ
THIS
WAY


I'LL SAY IT.
YOU'RE STRONG.


...!

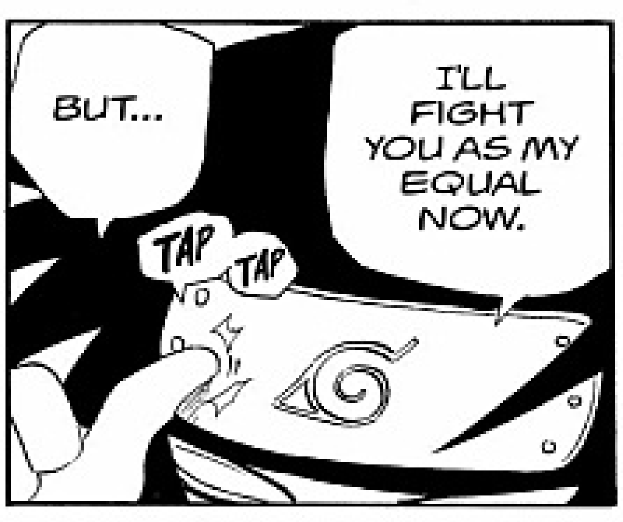

YOU KNOW WHY?


IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE ME.
YOU FEEL THE PAIN OF BEING ALONE.


...


AND...
PAIN IS WHAT MAKES PEOPLE STRONG.

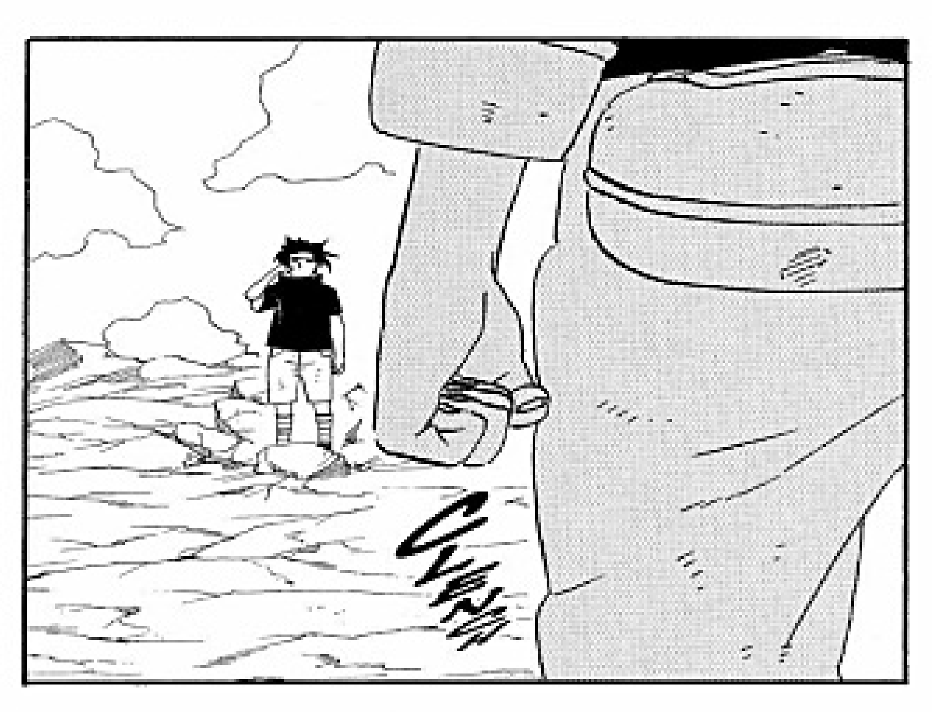
IF I CUT OUR BOND...
I WILL BECOME STRONGER. MUCH STRONGER.



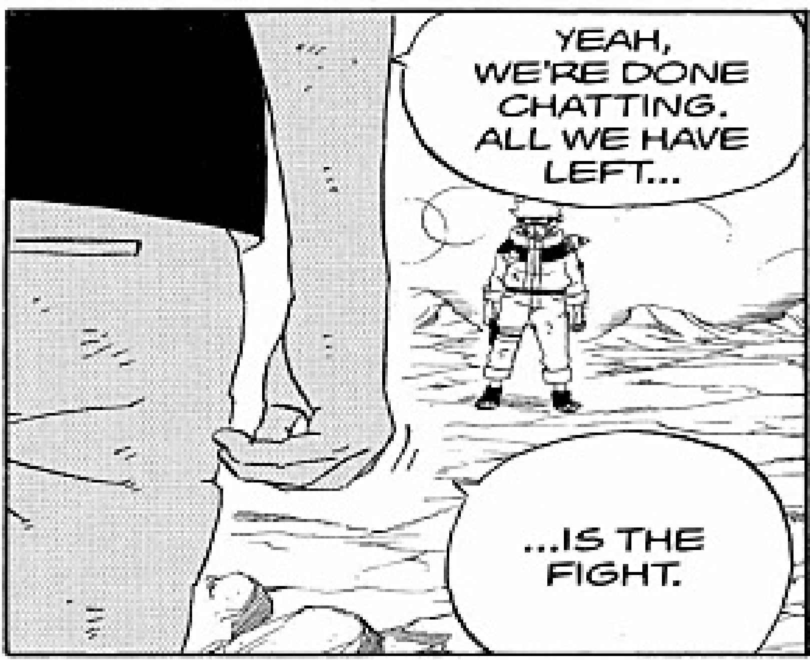





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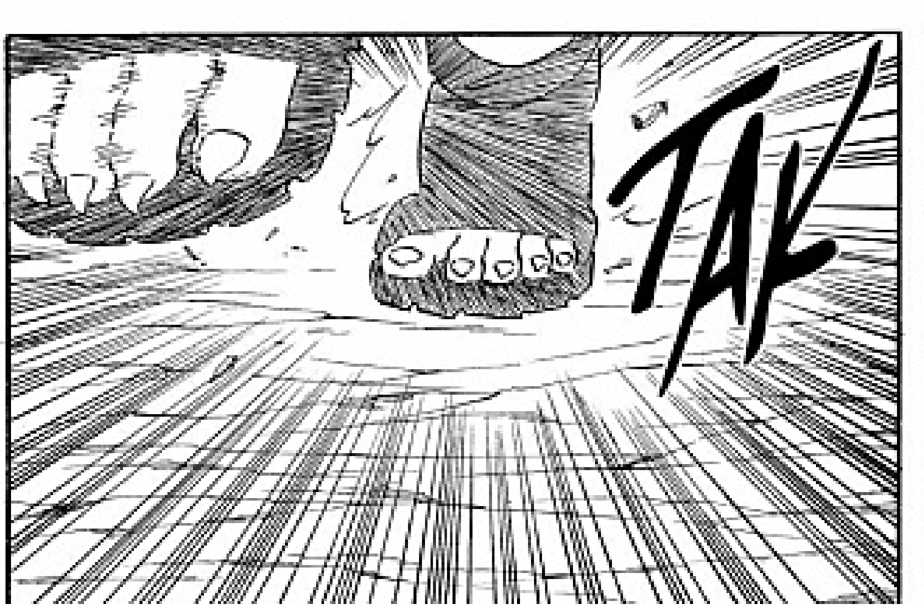



SASUKE ...
NOTHING I SAY'S GONNA SWAY YOU, IS IT...?


YEAH, WE'RE DONE CHATTING. ALL WE HAVE LEFT...
...IS THE FIGHT.

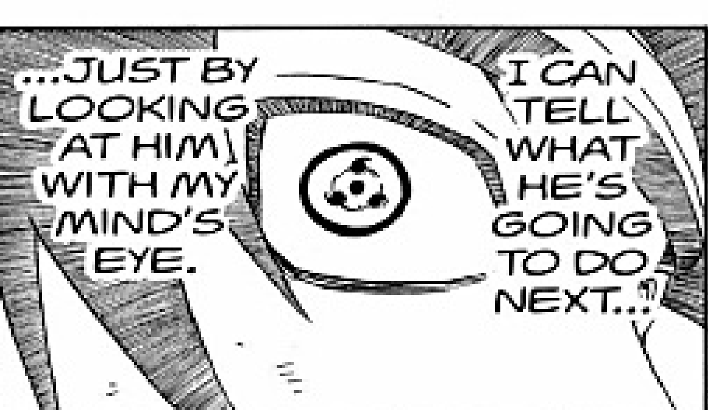



SO I SAID BRING IT ON.

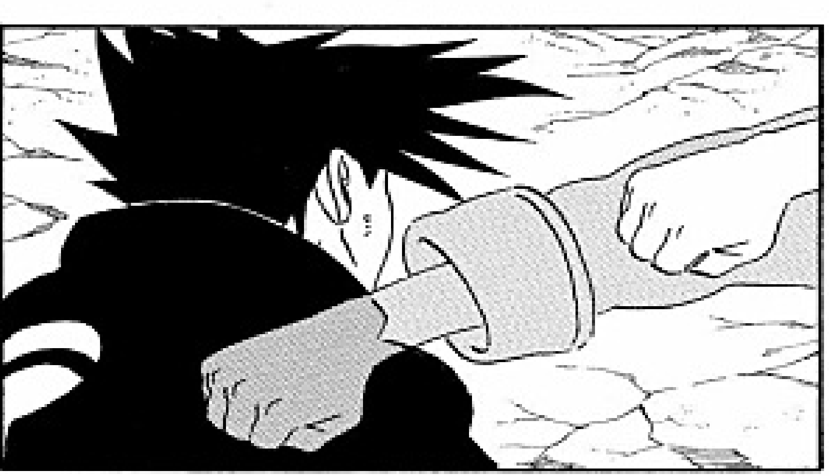

TAK

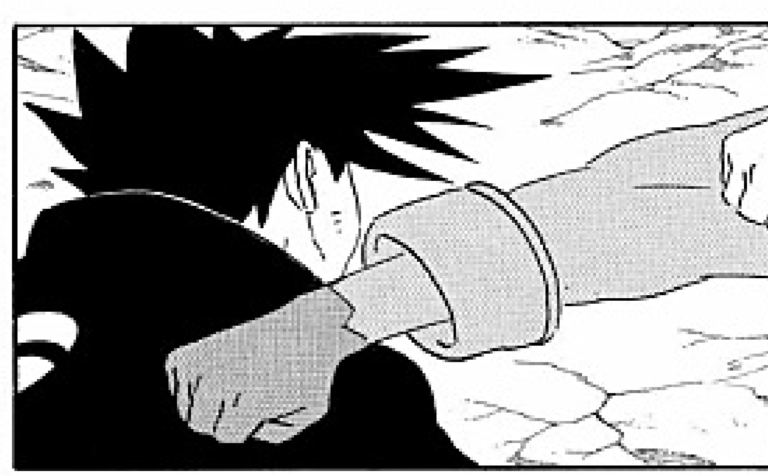

FWOOOSH
KRSSSH
SKRKK

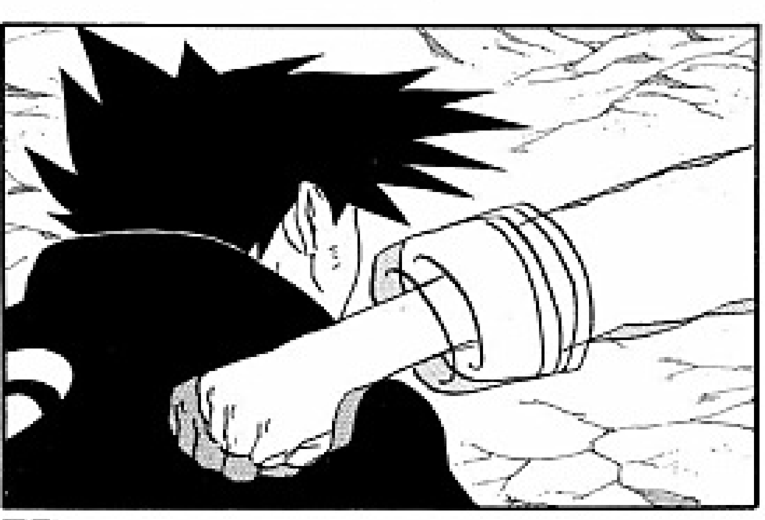


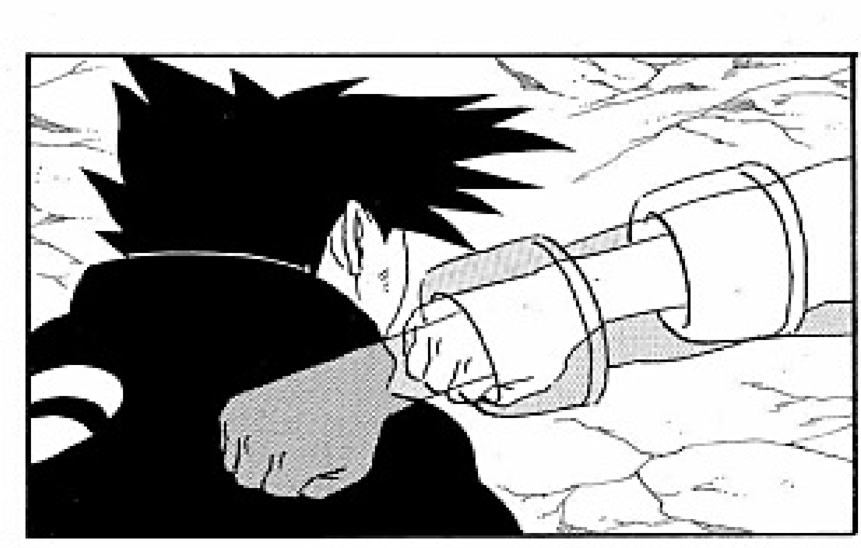

WHOA. BEFORE, I COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM. BUT NOW...
IS IT THE CURSE MARK? IS MY BODY ADAPTING TO THE EFFECTS?

I CAN TELL WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO NEXT...
...JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM WITH MY MIND'S EYE.

SWOO

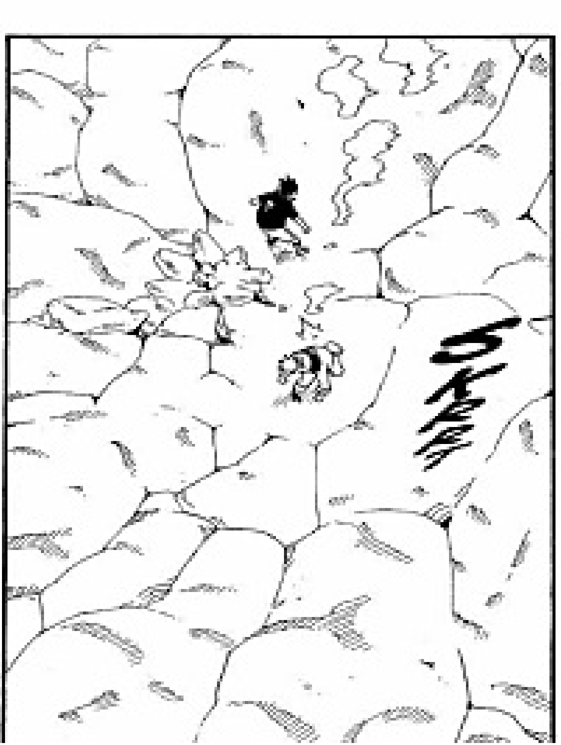








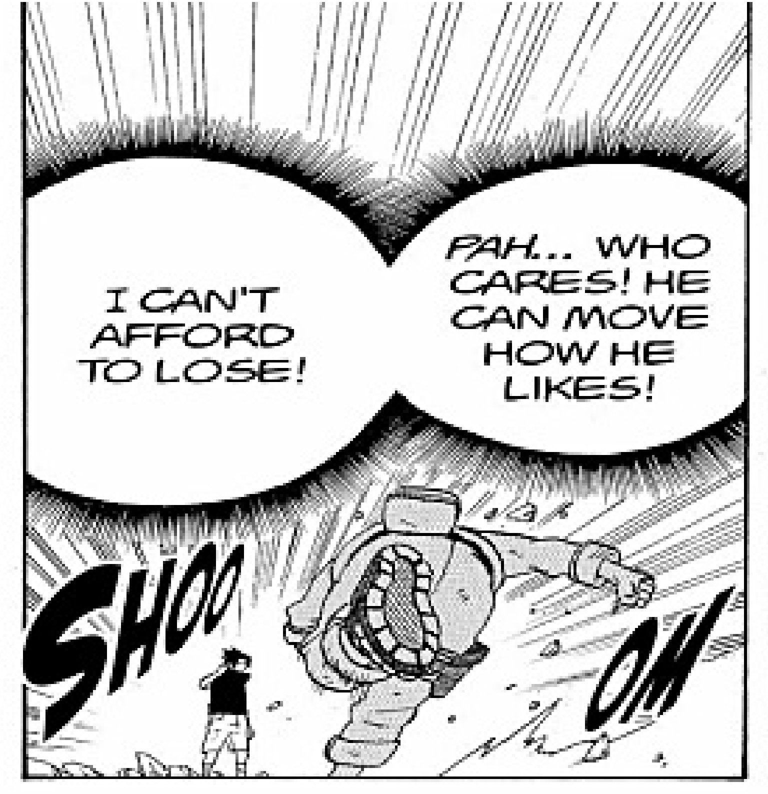
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SSH
?!




WITH EYES LIKE THESE...
I CAN CON-SERVE MY CHAKRA.
SHF

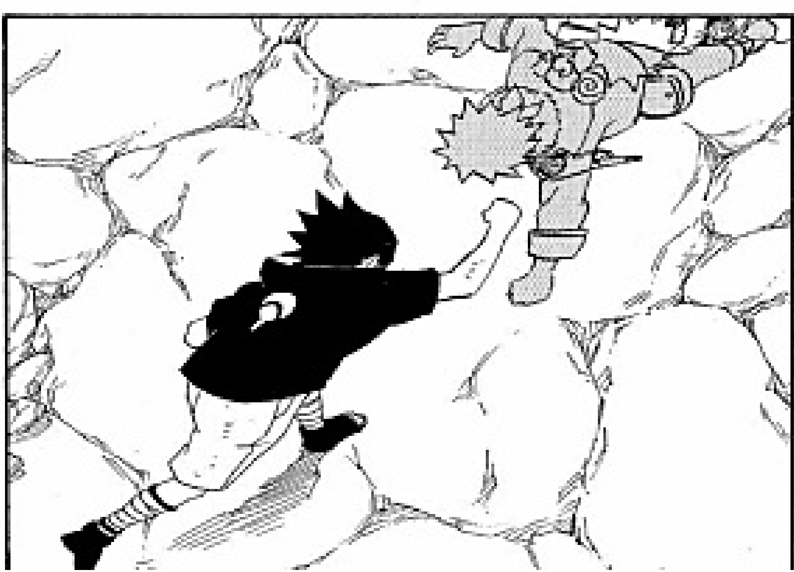

GIVEN HOW THE CURSE MARK DRAINS ME, EVERY BIT COUNTS.

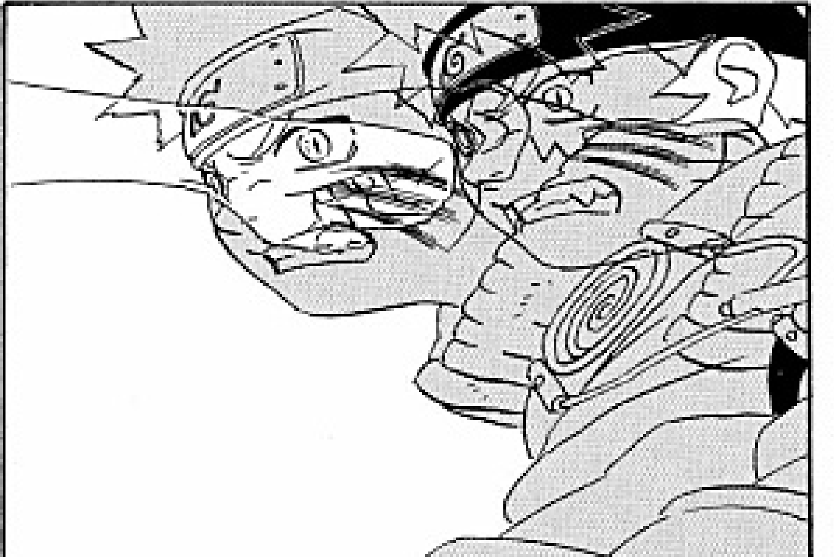

HOW'S HE DOING THIS...?


PAH... WHO CARES! HE CAN MOVE HOW HE LIKES!
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE!
SHOO
OM


WITH CHAKRA-SIGHT LIKE THIS...
GLEAMM


ALL I NEED TO DO IS READ HIS NEXT MOVE ...
AND SET UP MY STRIKE BEFORE IT HAPPENS!






KLUNK
!!
BA



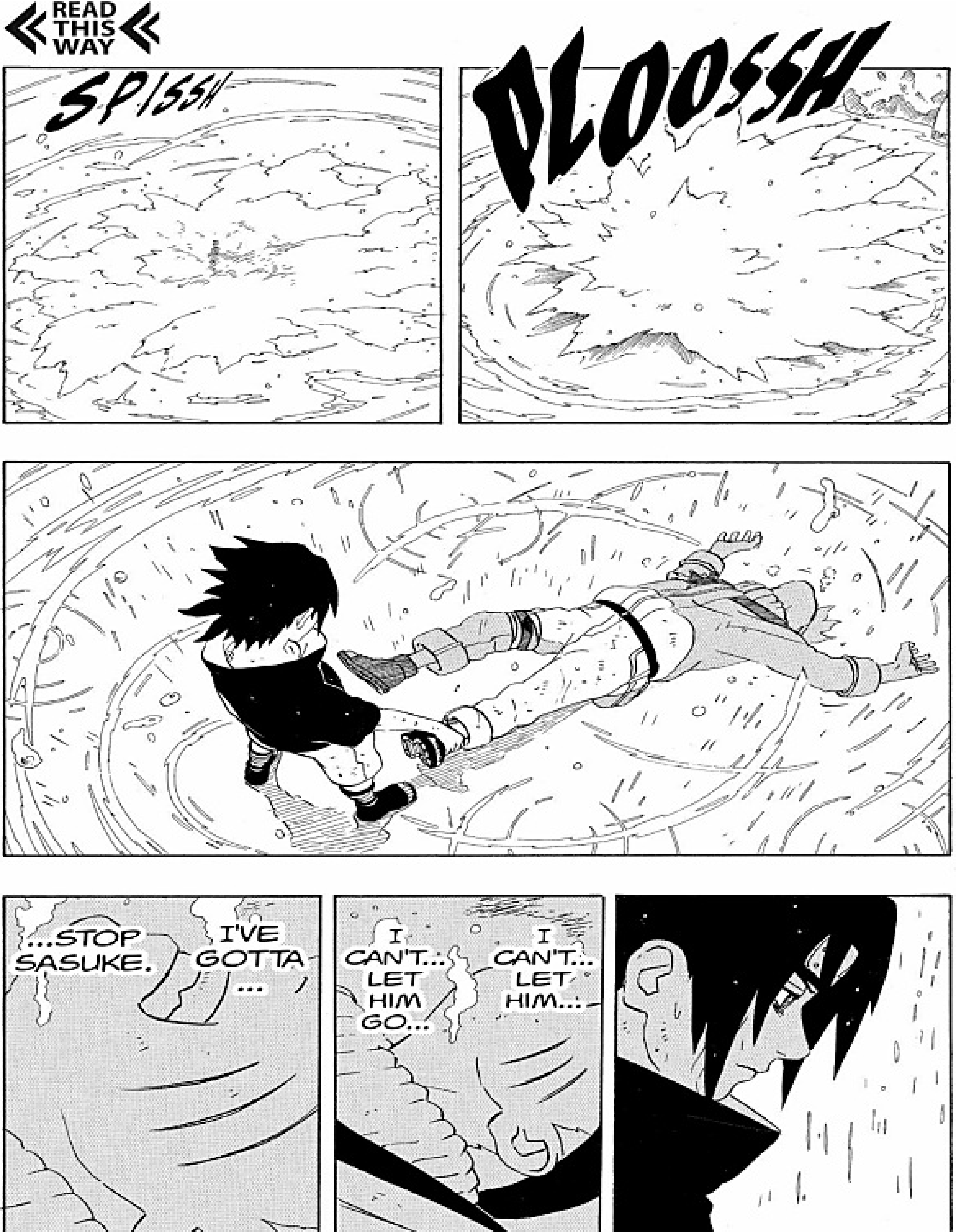
SPLOOSH

PLOORSH

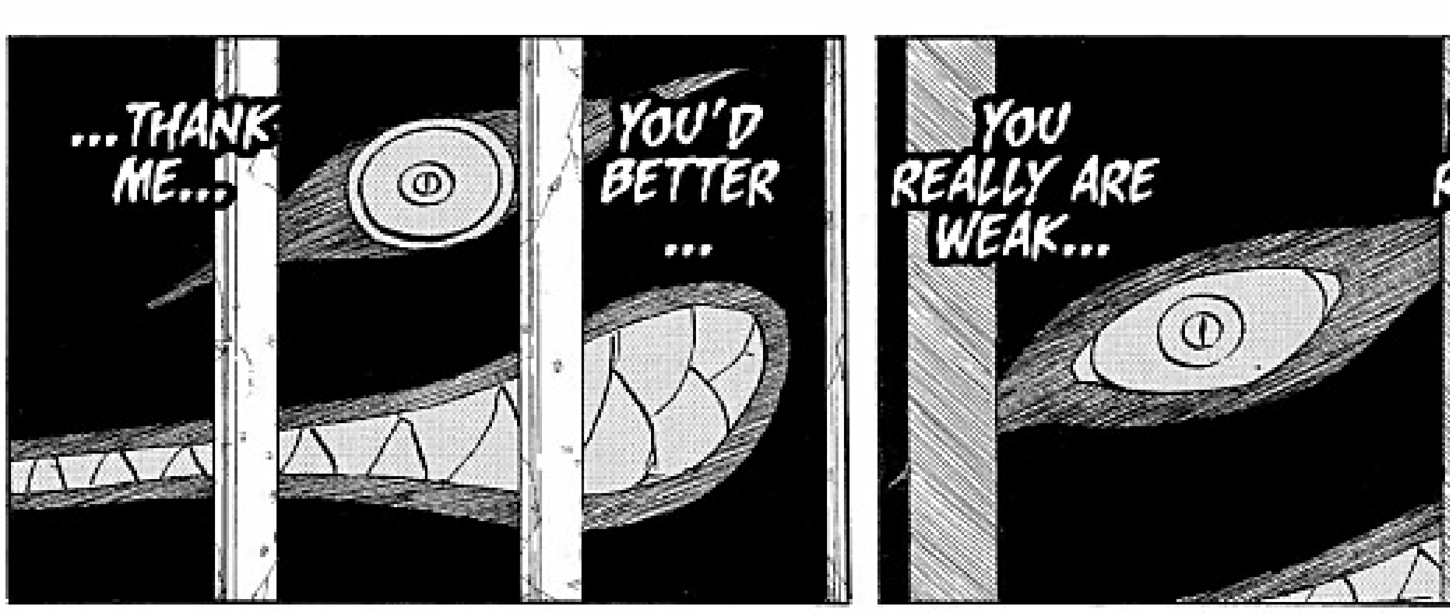
HE'S ANTICI-PATING ALL MY MOVES ...

ACK!!


TWIK
KLUD
GAH!!
BAM
KRAM
KLUD
POW
KRAK
SWSSSH

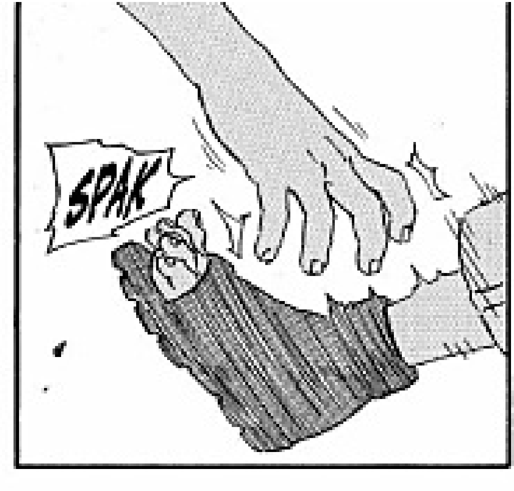

READ THIS WAY
PLOOSSH
SPISSH
I CAN'T... LET HIM...
I CAN'T... LET HIM GO...
I'VE GOTTA ...
...STOP SASUKE.

HEH...



ME AND THE FOURTH HOKAGE...

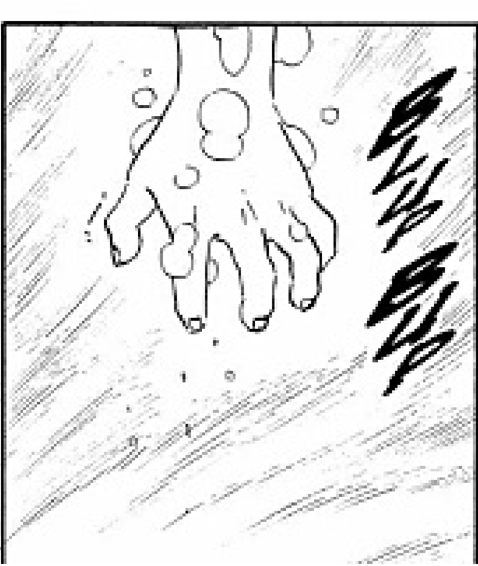
WHO SAW FIT TO SEAL ME INSIDE A TWERP LIKE YOU.



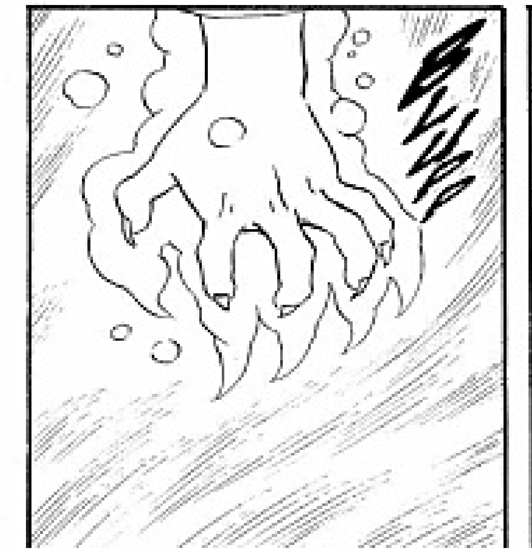




GAH...
URR...
RRG...
RRAH...

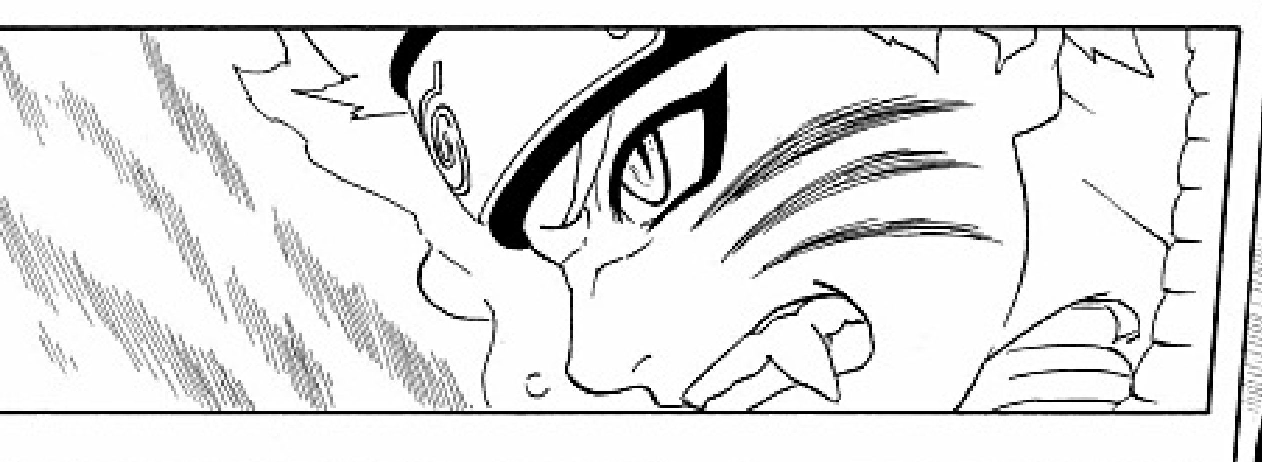







READ
THIS
WAY


?!!




KSSHHH

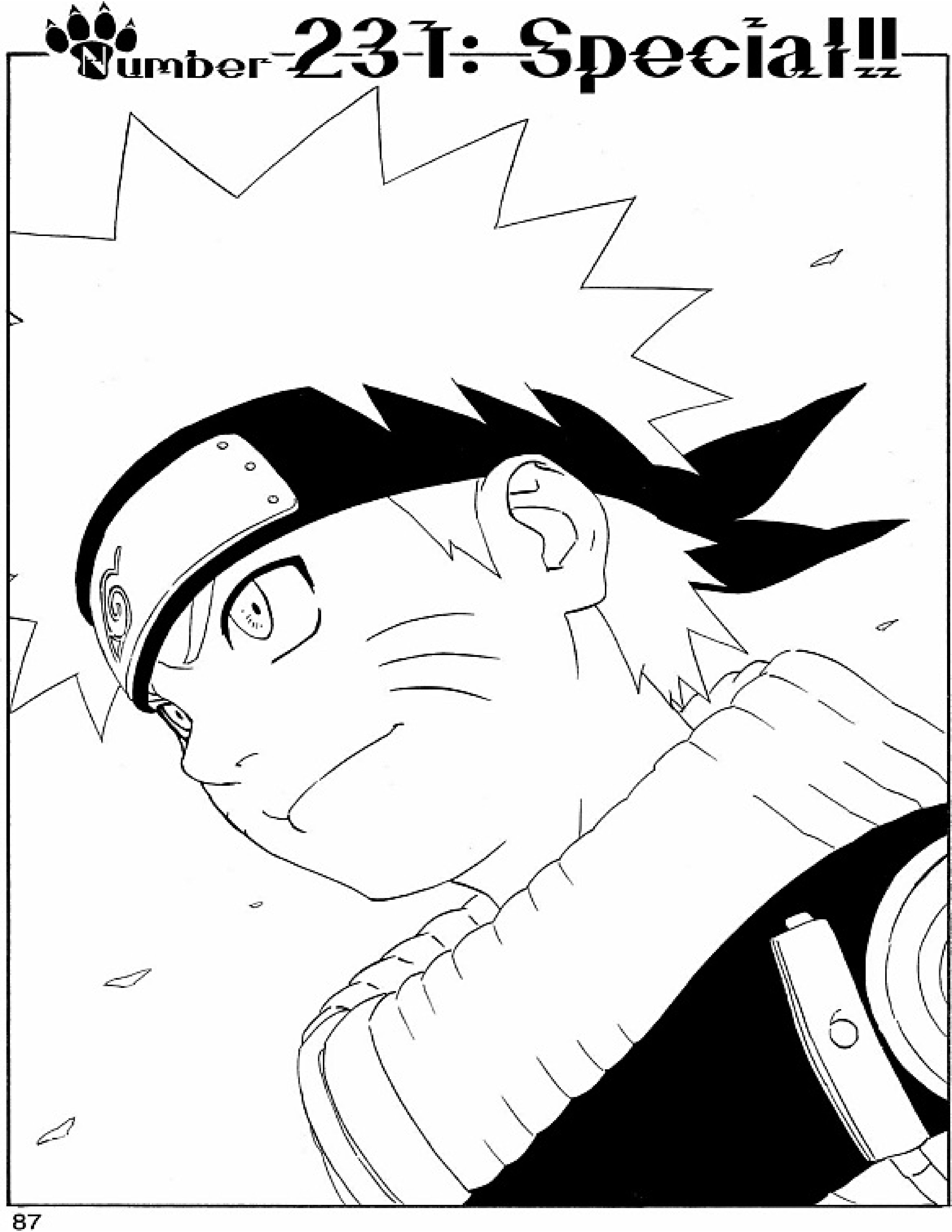

KSSHHH


...
MAN, THIS GUY...


SSSS
KSSHHH



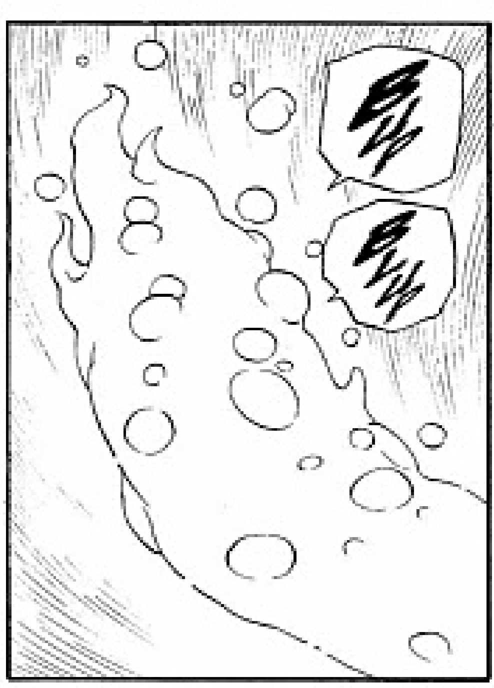
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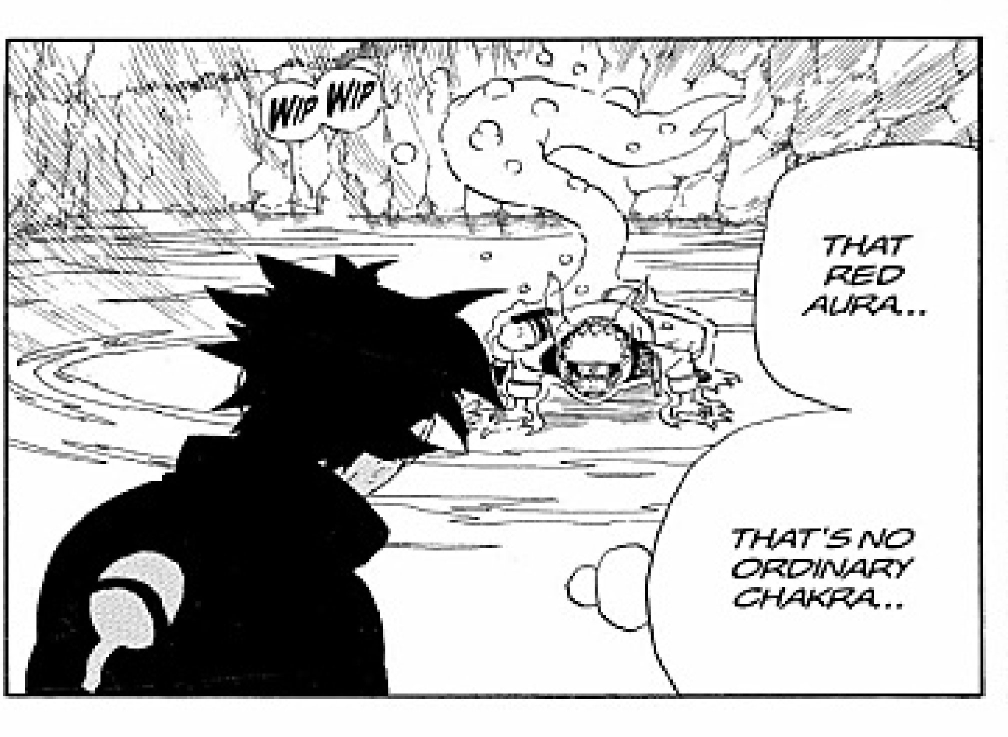

Number 231: Special!!

KSSHHH
GWURM
GWURM GWURM GWURM

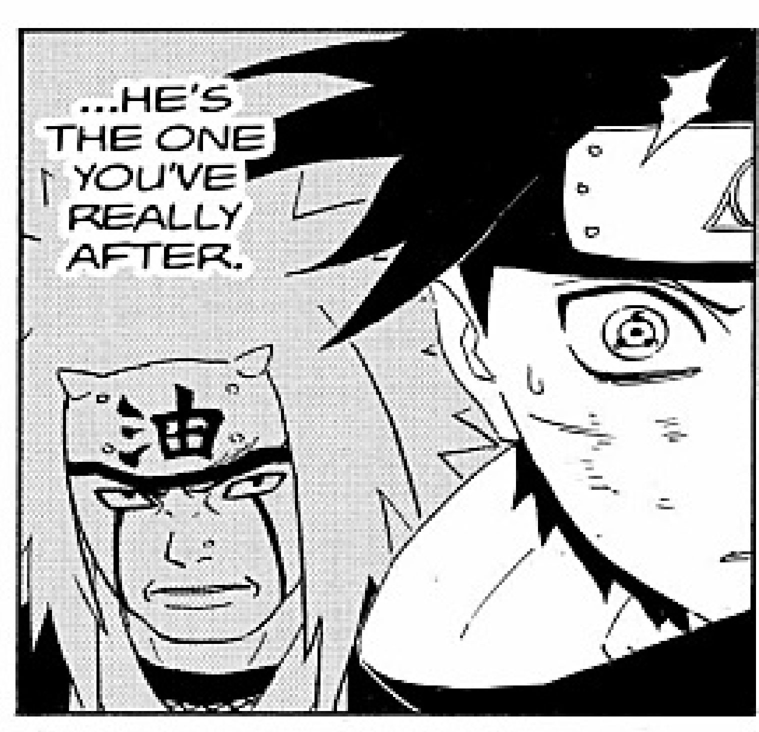


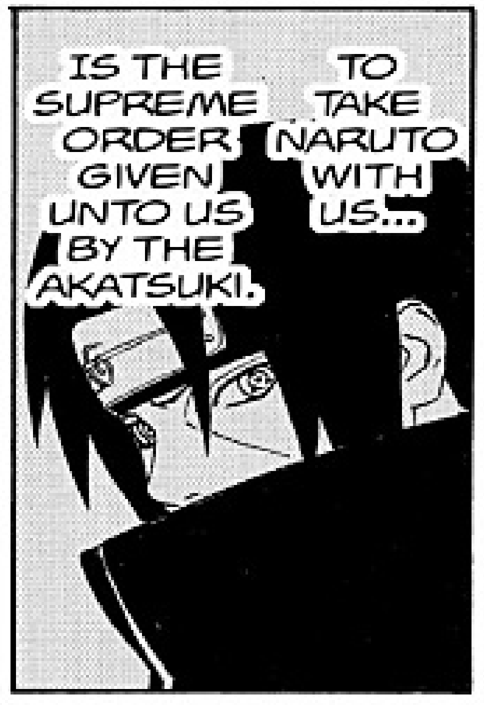


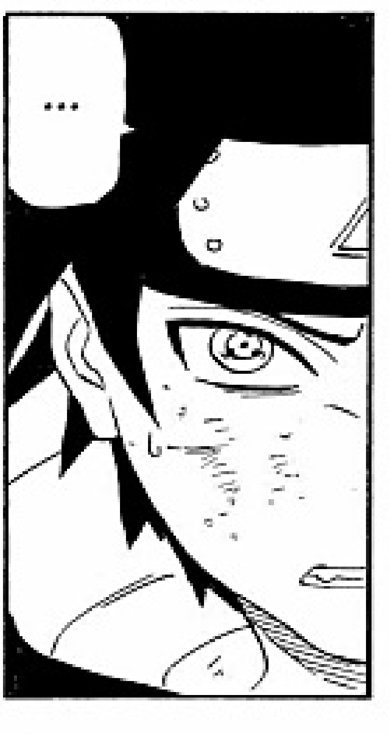


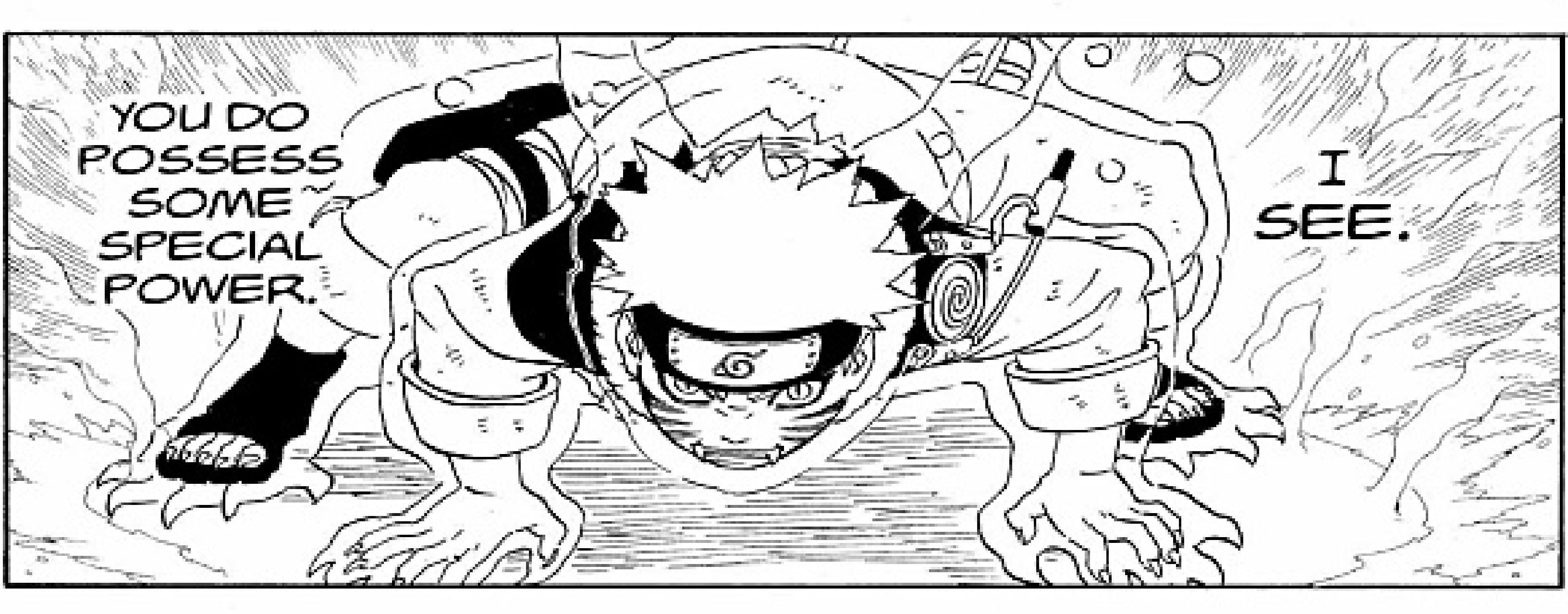



READ THIS WAY


...HE'S THE ONE YOU'VE REALLY AFTER.


TO TAKE NARUTO WITH US...
IS THE SUPREME ORDER GIVEN UNTO US BY THE AKATSUKI.


...


I SEE.
YOU DO POSSESS SOME SPECIAL POWER.


NOW... I CAN SEE IT.
GULP


GRR...


FWOSH
GRAORRR!!!
!!

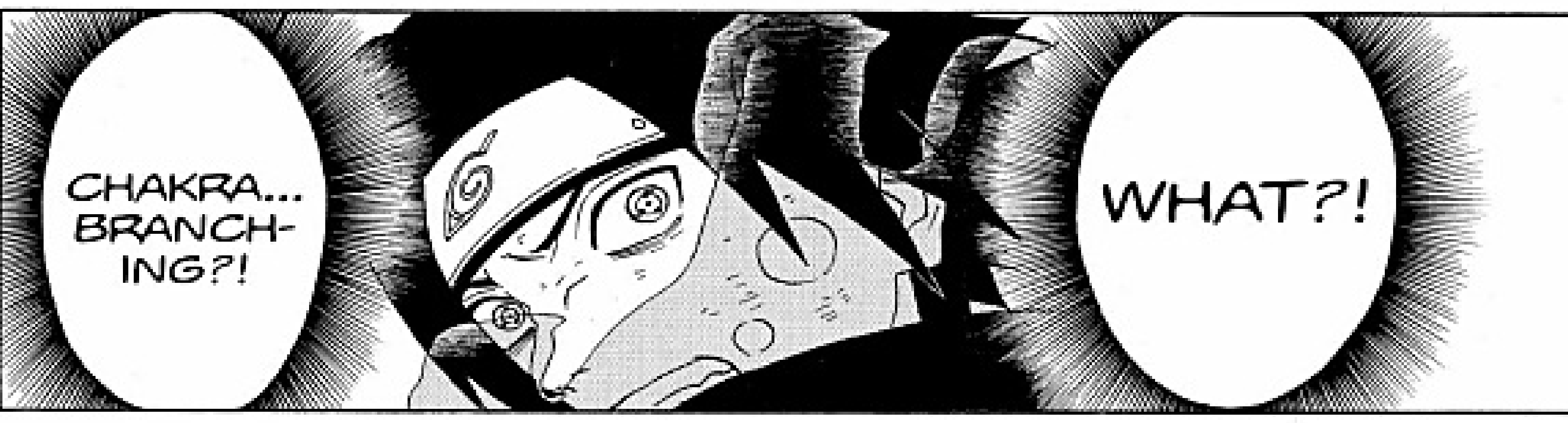
SWOOF

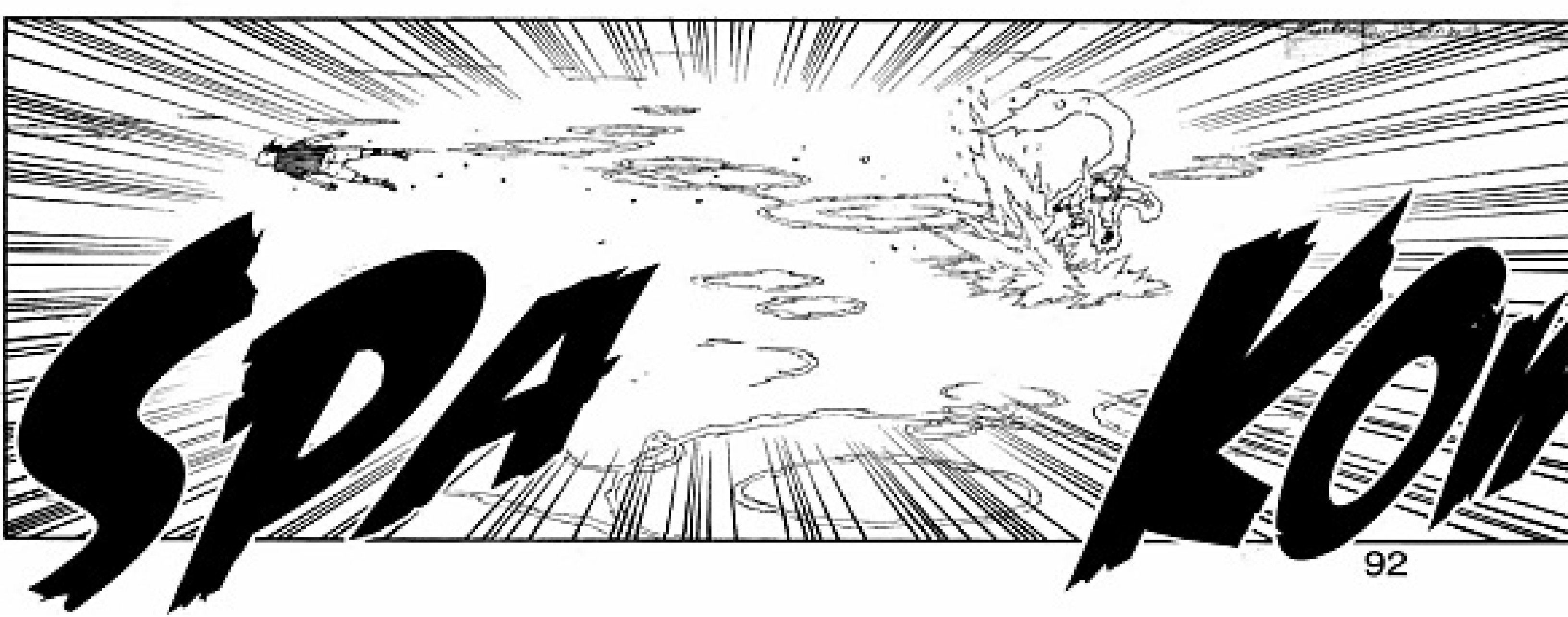

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SHWIP



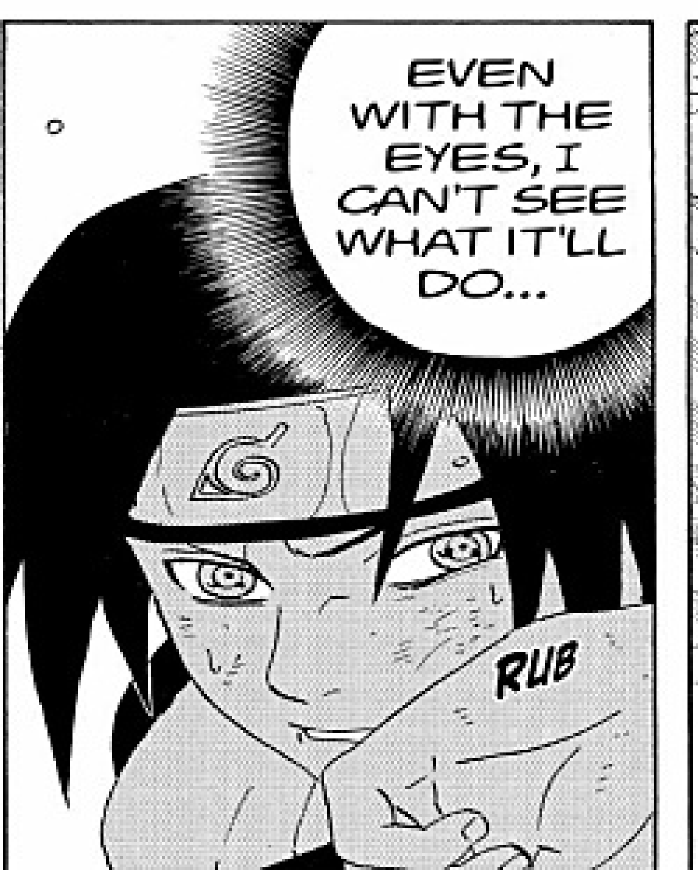




SPISH
PISH
PISH
SPOOSH

URK..
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I COULD READ NARUTO'S MOVES, BUT HIS CHAKRA ACTED ALONE.









FIRE STYLE! FIRE-BALL TECH-NIQUE!!


SHW
OOF
PFOOM
FOOF
FOOSH
FOOM
...!

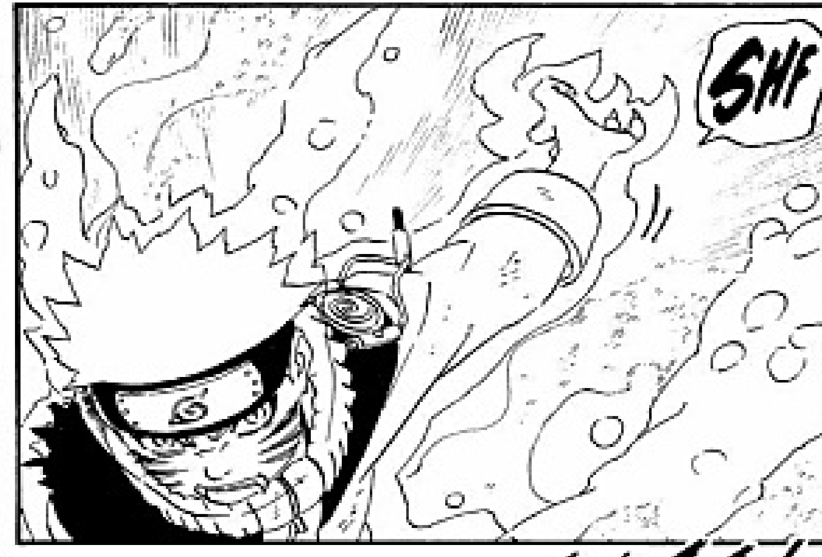
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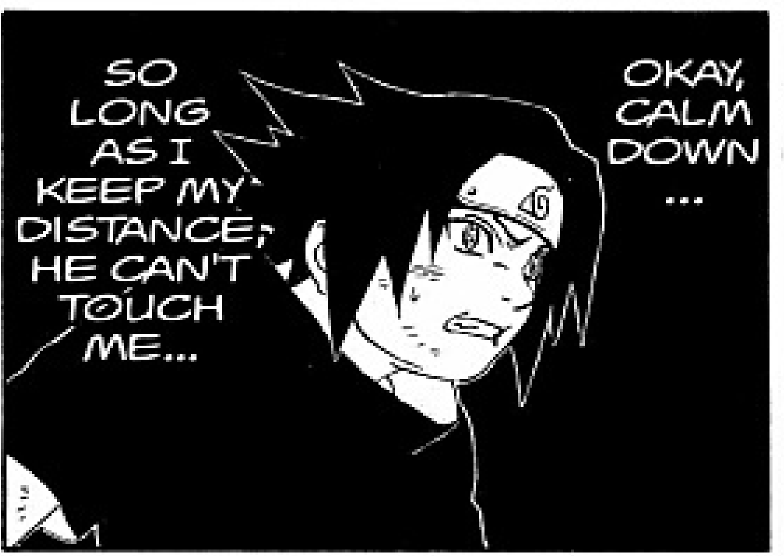





READ
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WAY

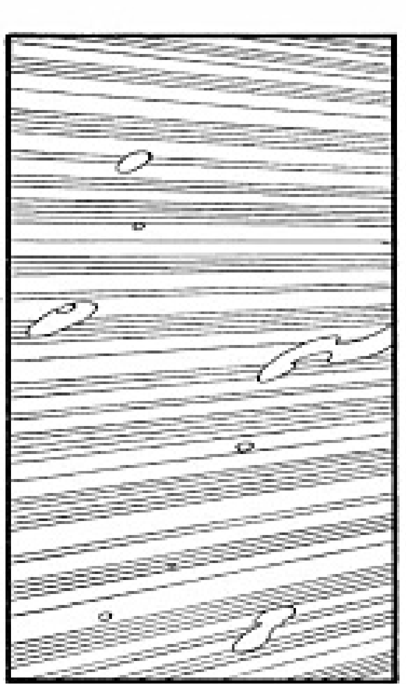

KISSHH


SHF


OKAY, CALM DOWN...
SO LONG AS I KEEP MY DISTANCE, HE CAN'T TOUCH ME...


FASSH


WHAT NOW?!



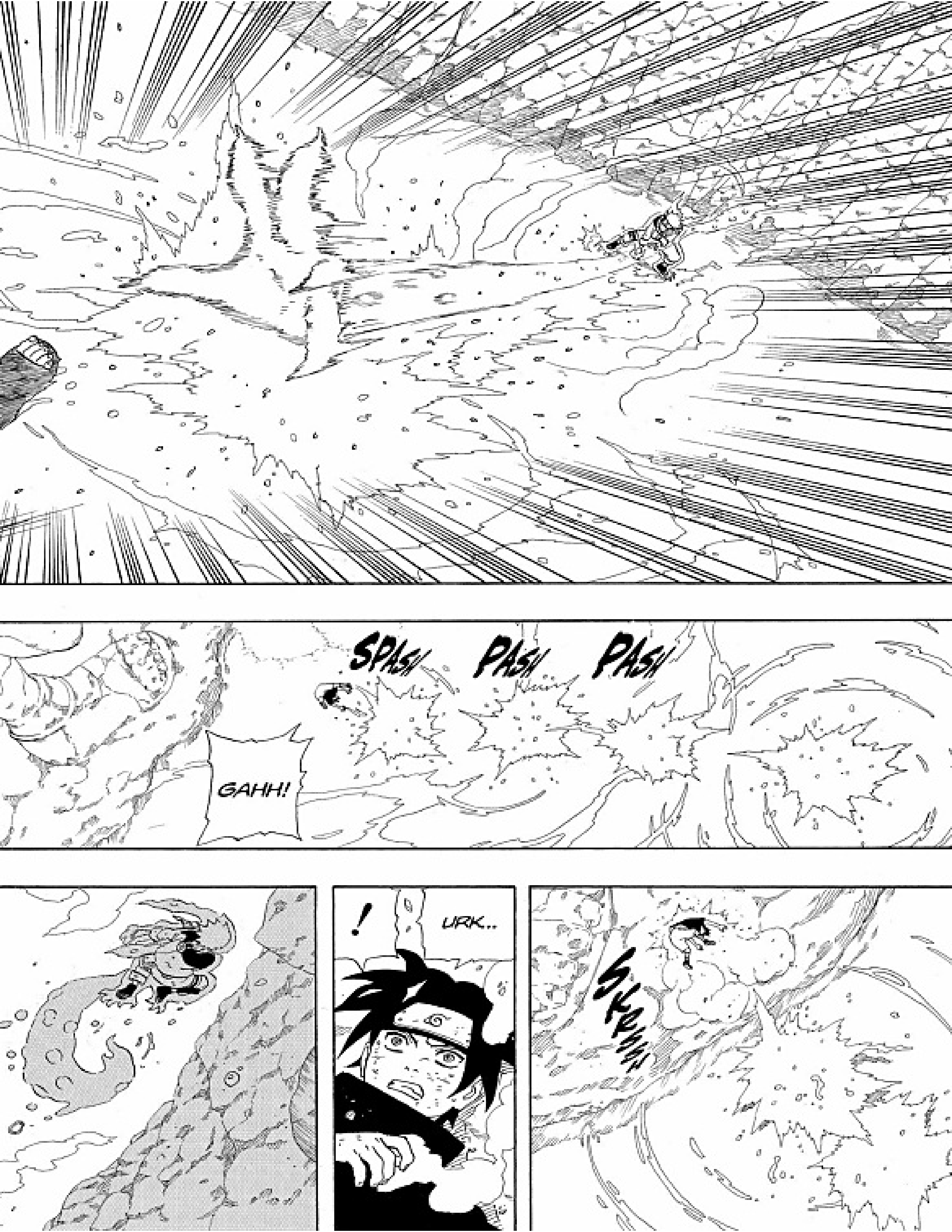
SPAK

!!

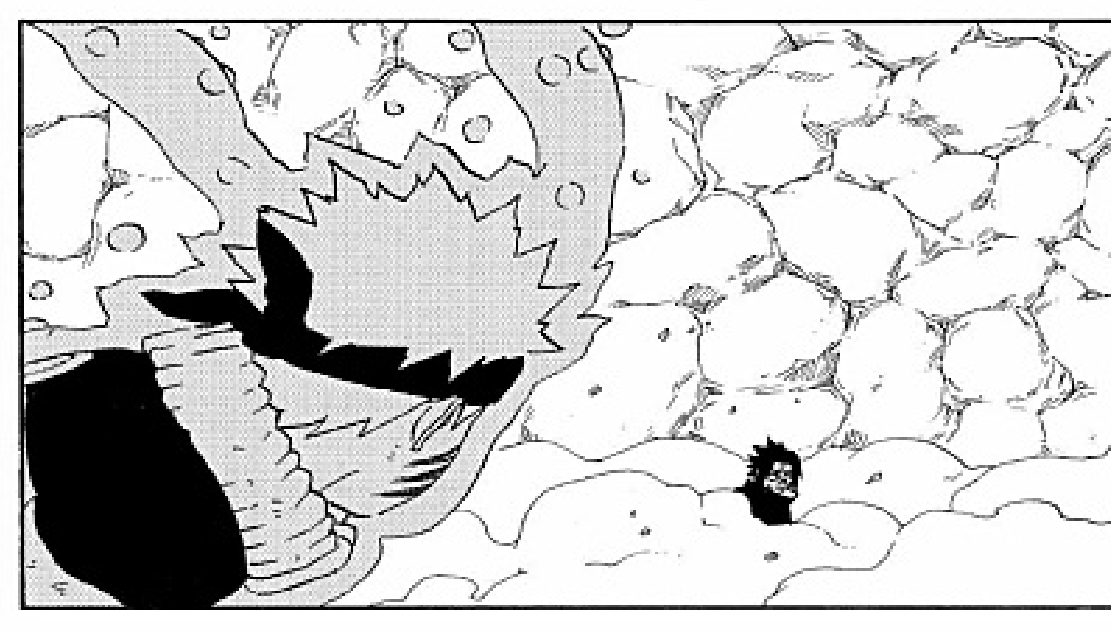
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PASH
PASH
SPASH
GAHH!
!
URK...

PLIK
PLIK
PLIK







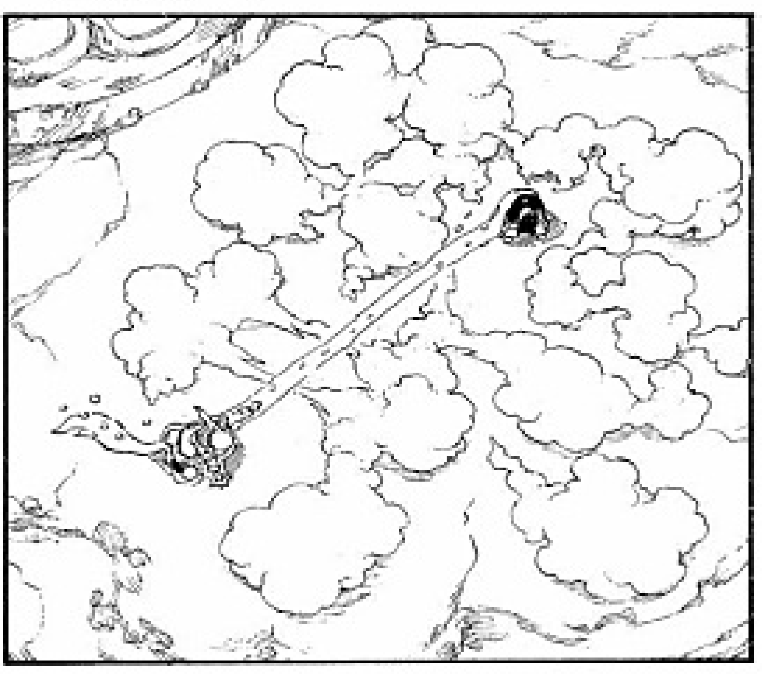


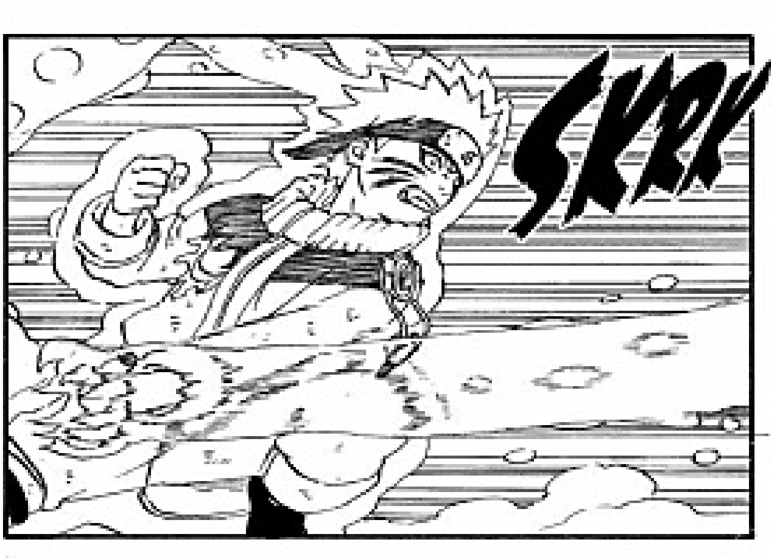


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WAY

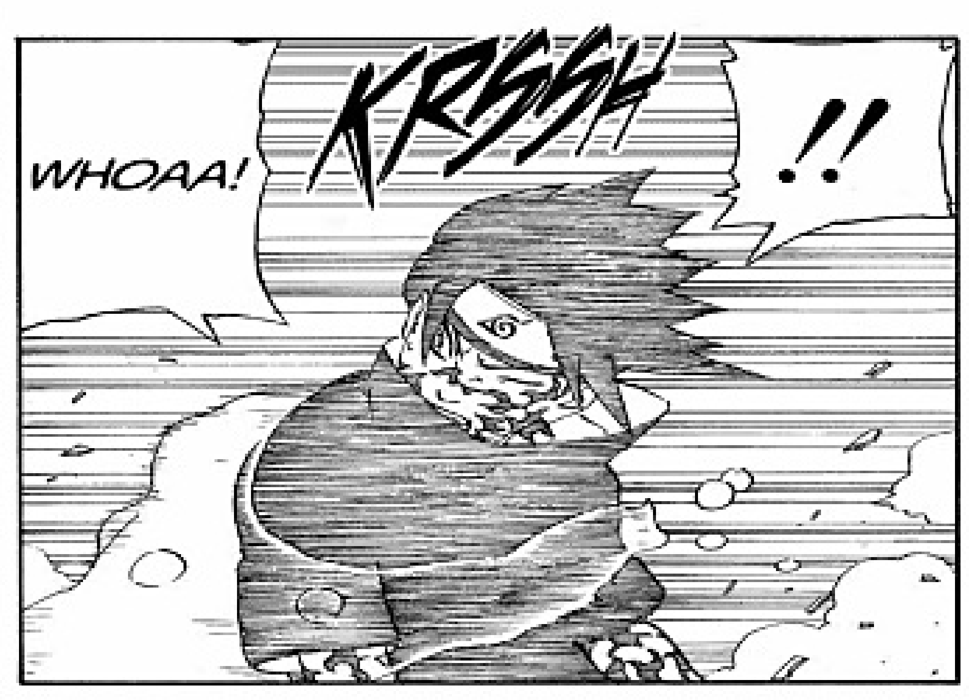


GLOM
GLOM



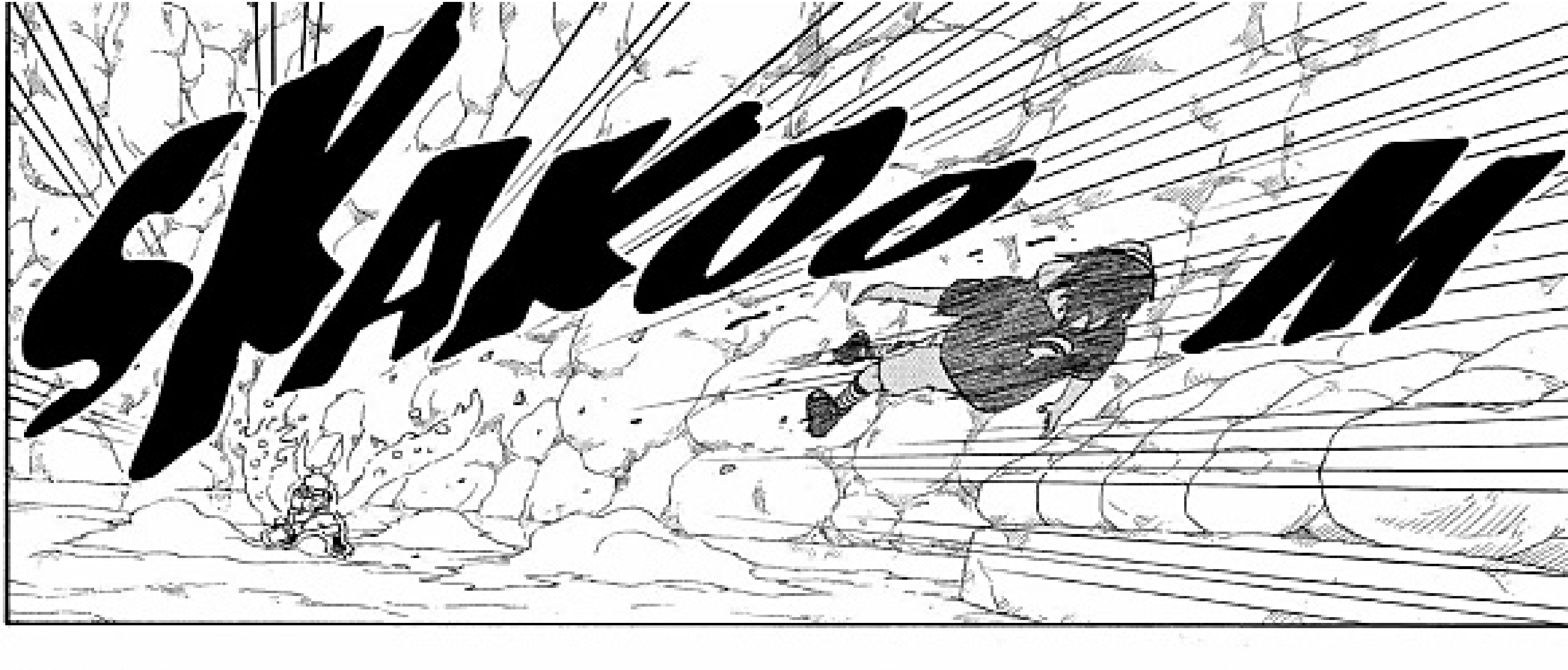


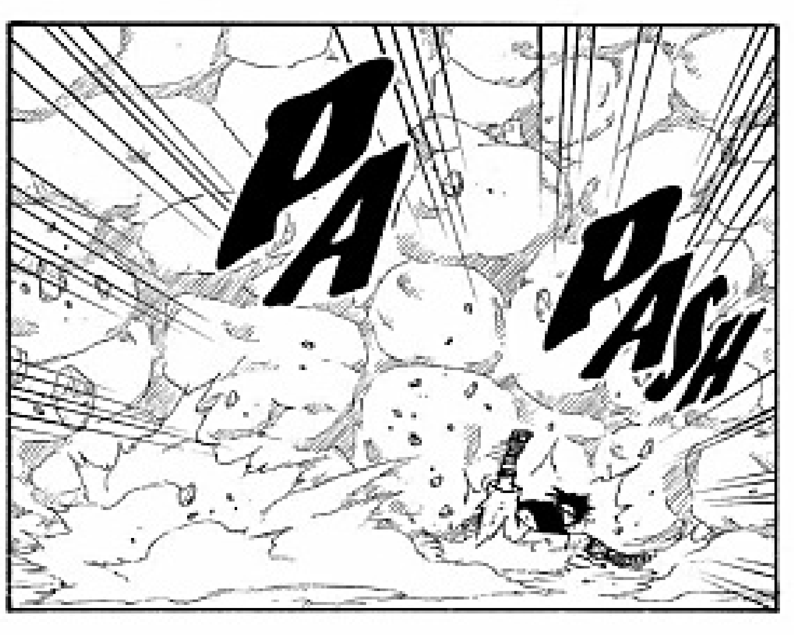
SKRK



!!
KRSSH
WHOAA!







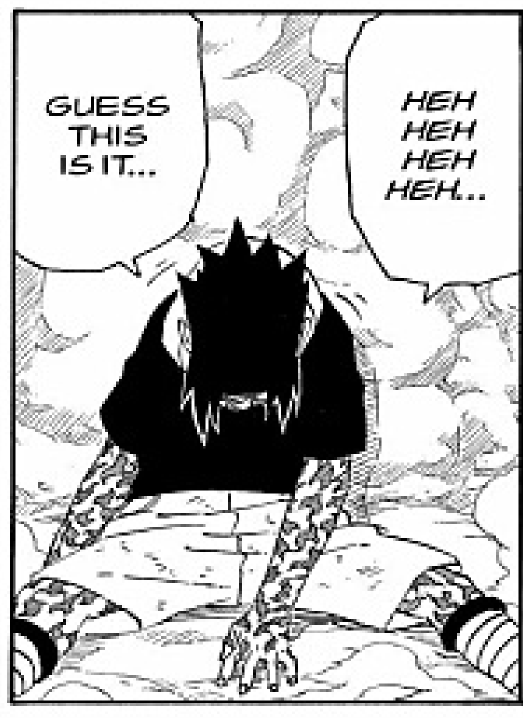
PA
PASH



SWSSSH



HEH HEH...
HEH HEH HEH...
!



HEH HEH HEH HEH...
GUESS THIS IS IT...



...



ONCE I UNLEASH THIS POWER.. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME, BUT...

SHFF

YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...

NARUTO!

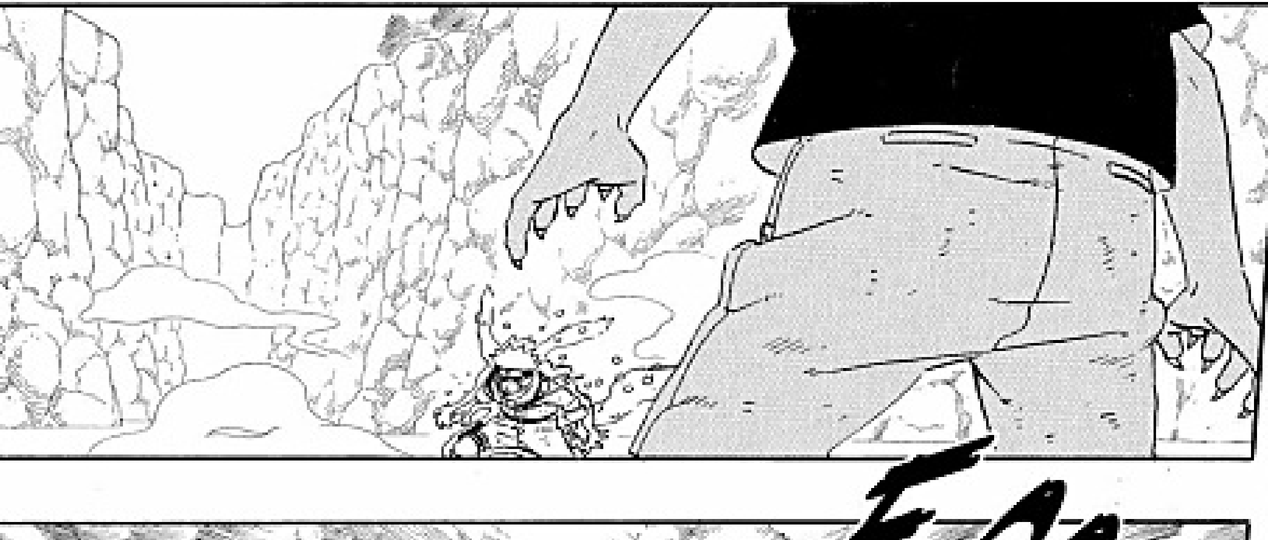
ZWUR ZWUR ZWUR ZWUR ZWUR ZWURR

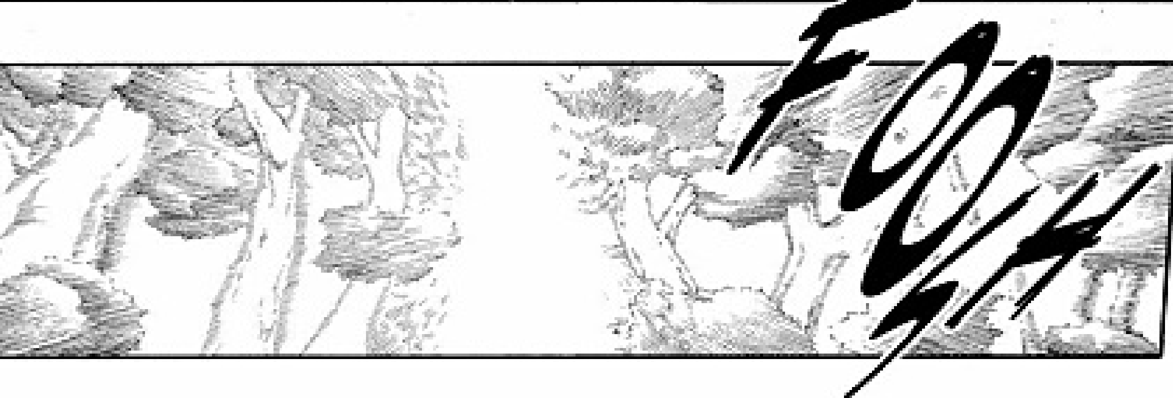
TURNS OUT YOU WERE PRETTY SPECIAL.

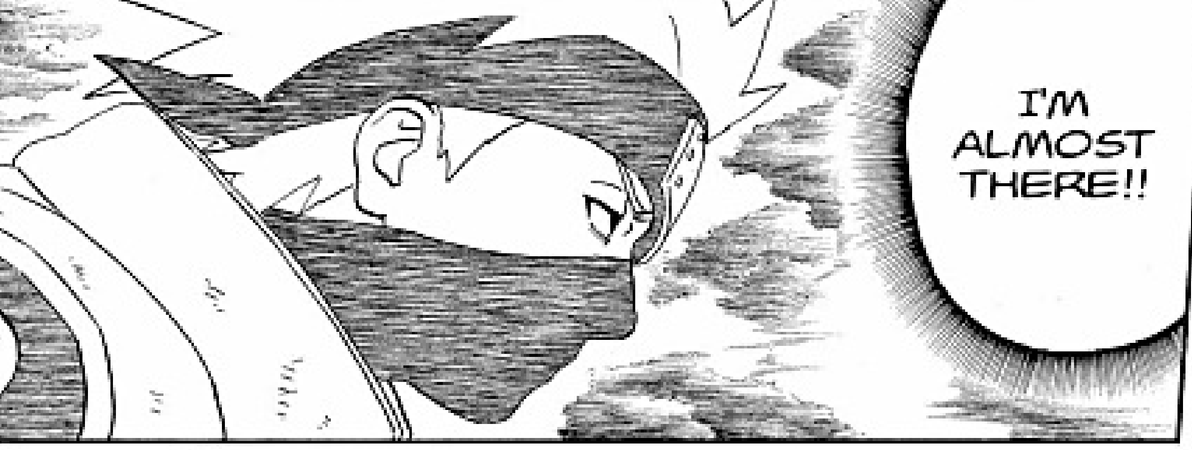
BUT IN THE END...


READ THIS WAY


...
SASUKE ...



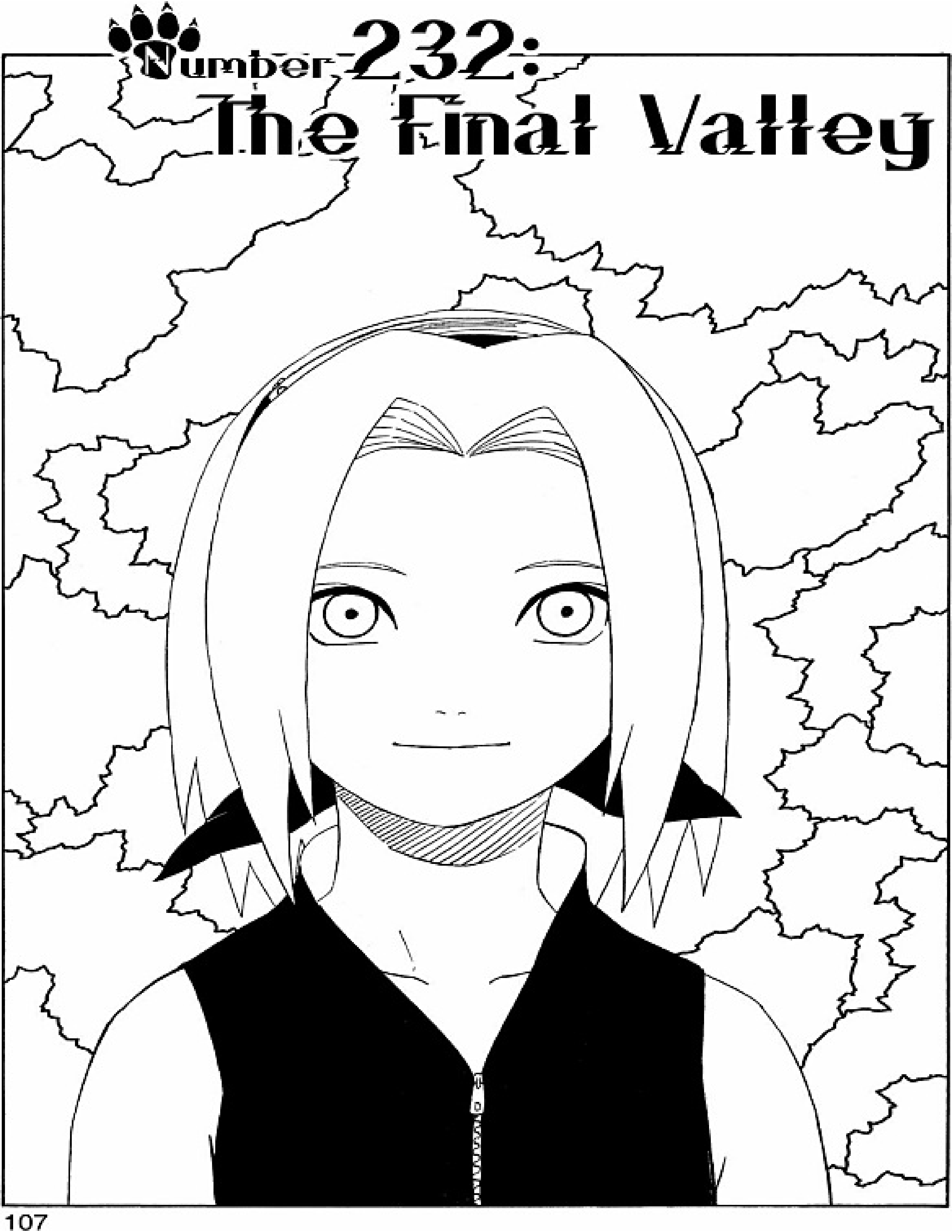

FOOSH

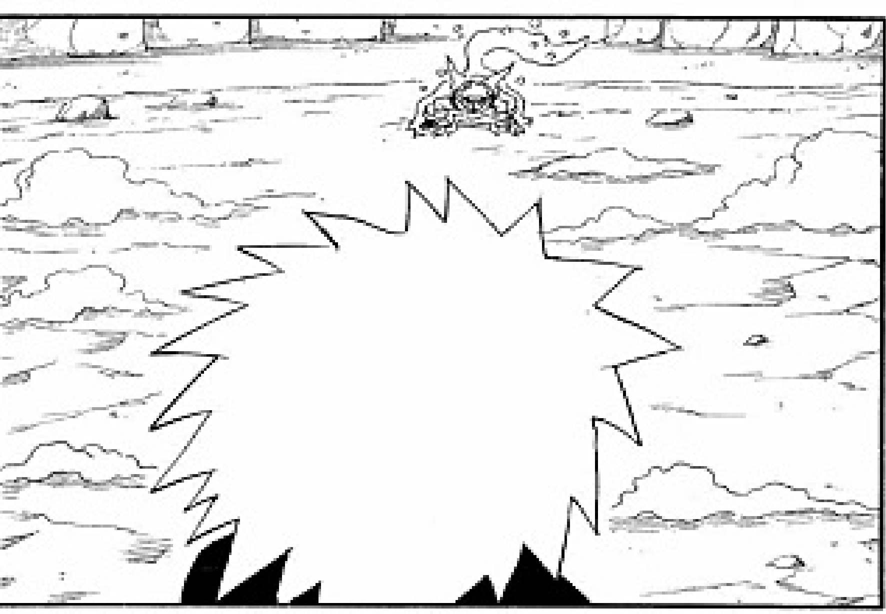

I'M ALMOST THERE!!


I'M STILL MORE SPECIAL THAN YOU!

Mr. Kishimoto, congrats on the 5th anniversary!
My hats off to you for the efforts you put in!!

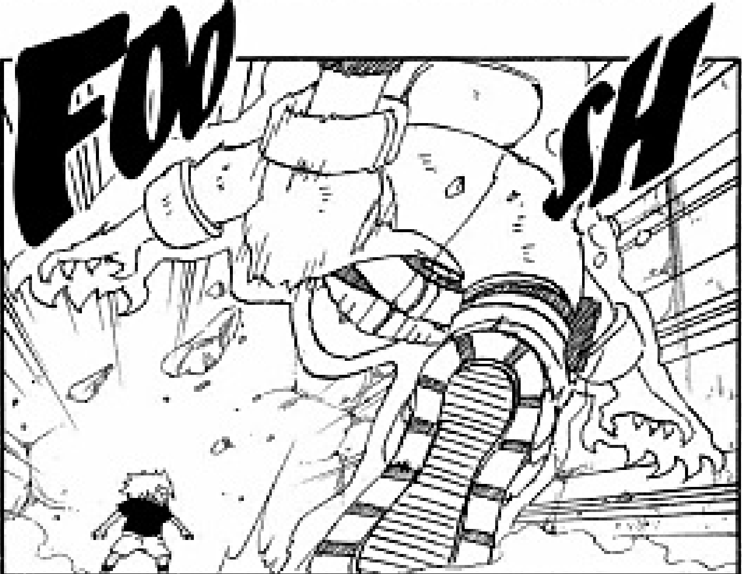
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Koichi Nishitani


Number 232:
The Final Valley



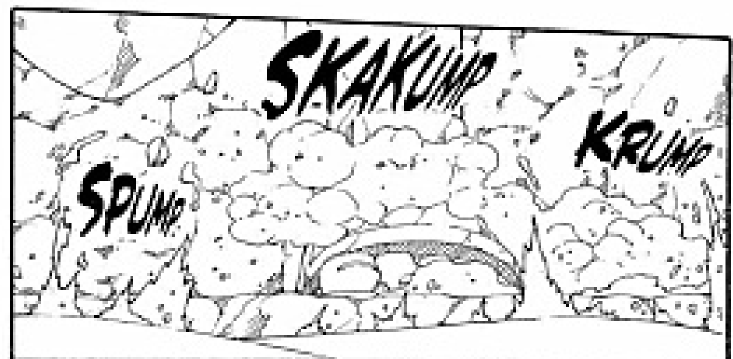

...!
IS THAT ALL...
...THAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL?!

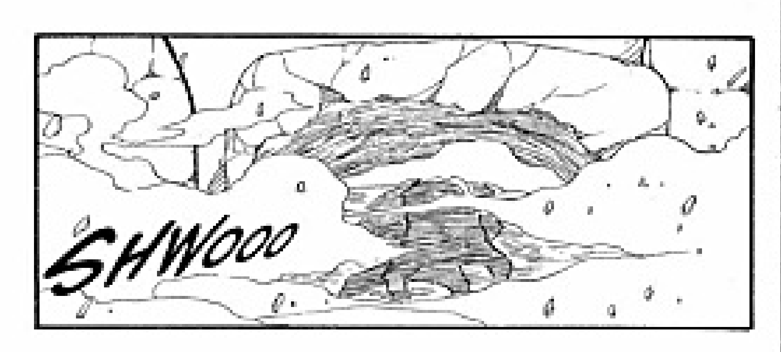

HEH HEH...
I WON'T LOSE.


FOOSH

SKRR
KRRK
KRRK


PAK
PAK
PAK
PAK
PAK
PAK


KRUMP
SKAKUMP
SPUMP


SHWOOO


!!


?!
SPA
POOM
KOW
YAHH!
SWSSSH


READ THIS WAY


SLAMM

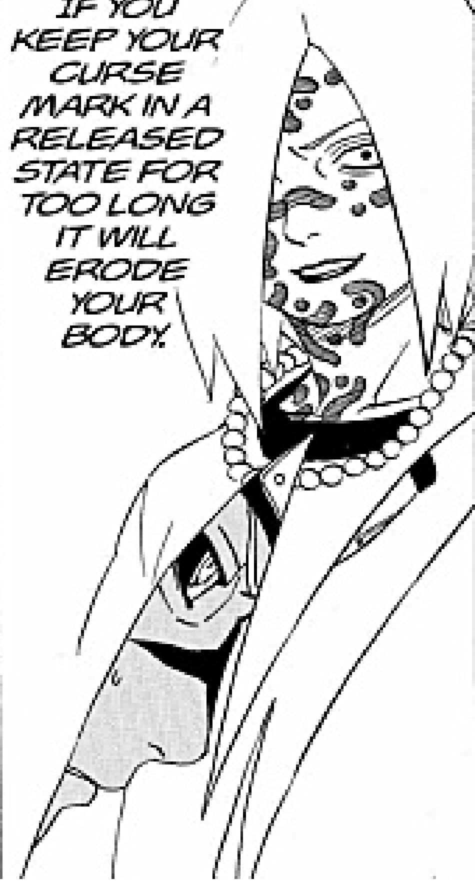



...
URGH...


URK... MMG...


GRUH ...

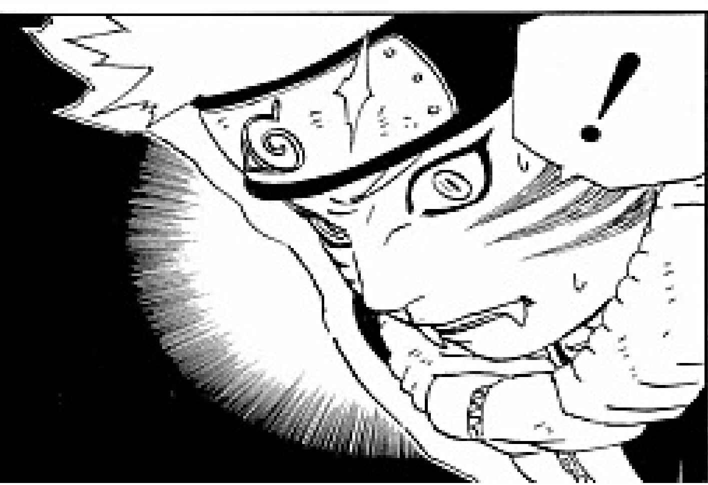

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IF YOU KEEP YOUR CURSE MARK IN A RELEASED STATE FOR TOO LONG IT WILL ERODE YOUR BODY.

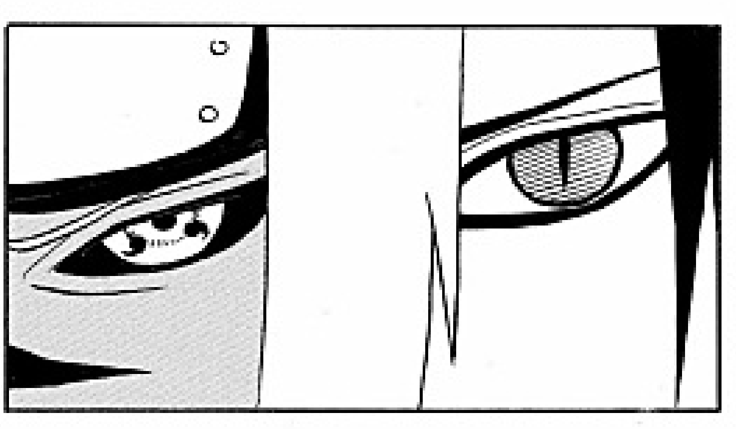

IT'S EATING ME AWAY...
I HAVE NO TIME TO DRAG THIS OUT.

AGH...

SHF




...
SASUKE... YOU...




UNGH...

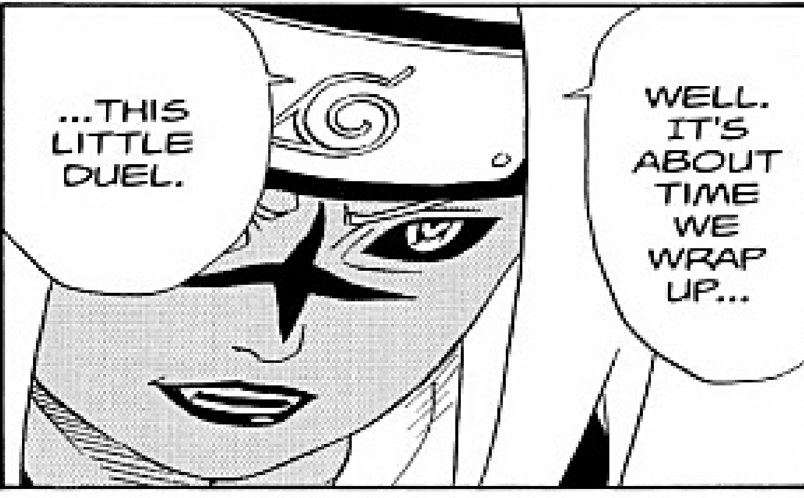

SSSSSSS
MY LEFT HAND... COM-PLETELY NUMB...
...
DO YOU KNOW ...?
!
YOUR POWER...
LOOKS LIKE IT CARRIES SOME RISK WITH IT.
WE'RE AT THE BORDER THEY CALL THE FINAL VALLEY.


A PERFECT SETTING... WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
NARUTO?


...


OH... YEAH...
I SAID WE WERE DONE CHATTING, DIDN'T I?


...


WELL. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WRAP UP...
...THIS LITTLE DUEL.



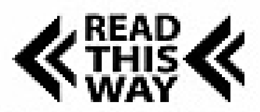
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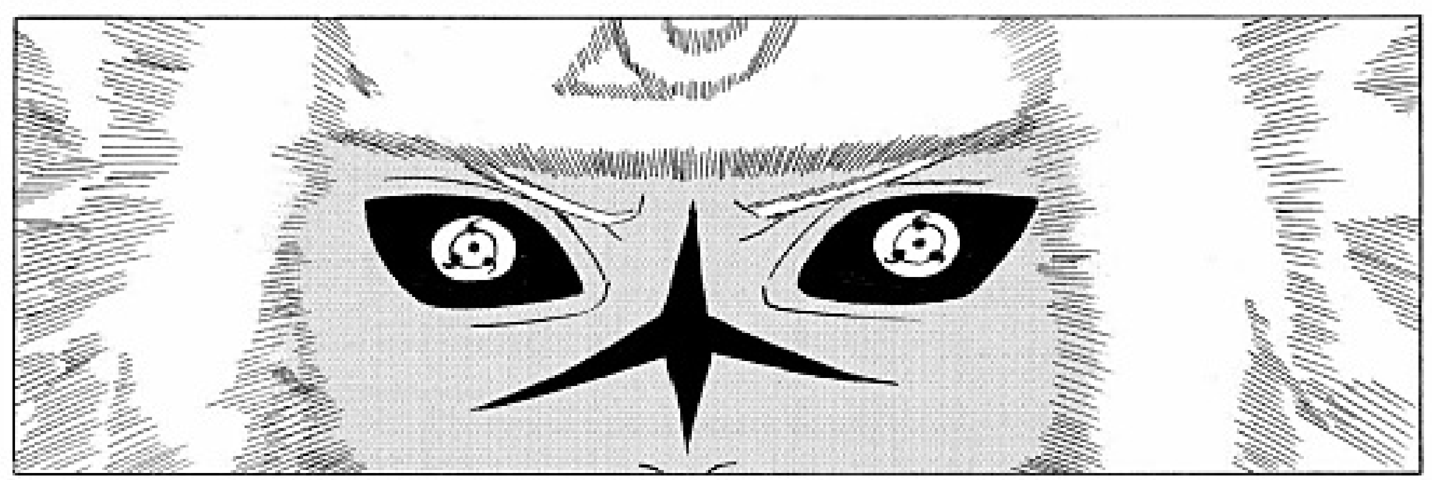


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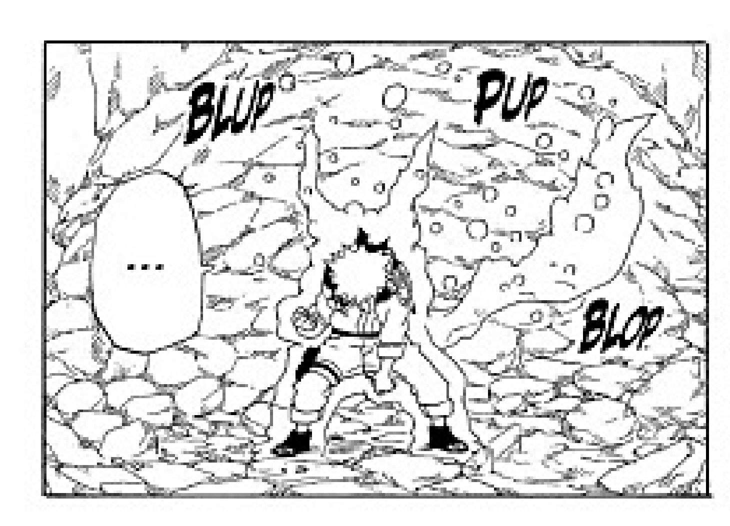
NOW...











CHIDORI! 1000 BIRDS!!

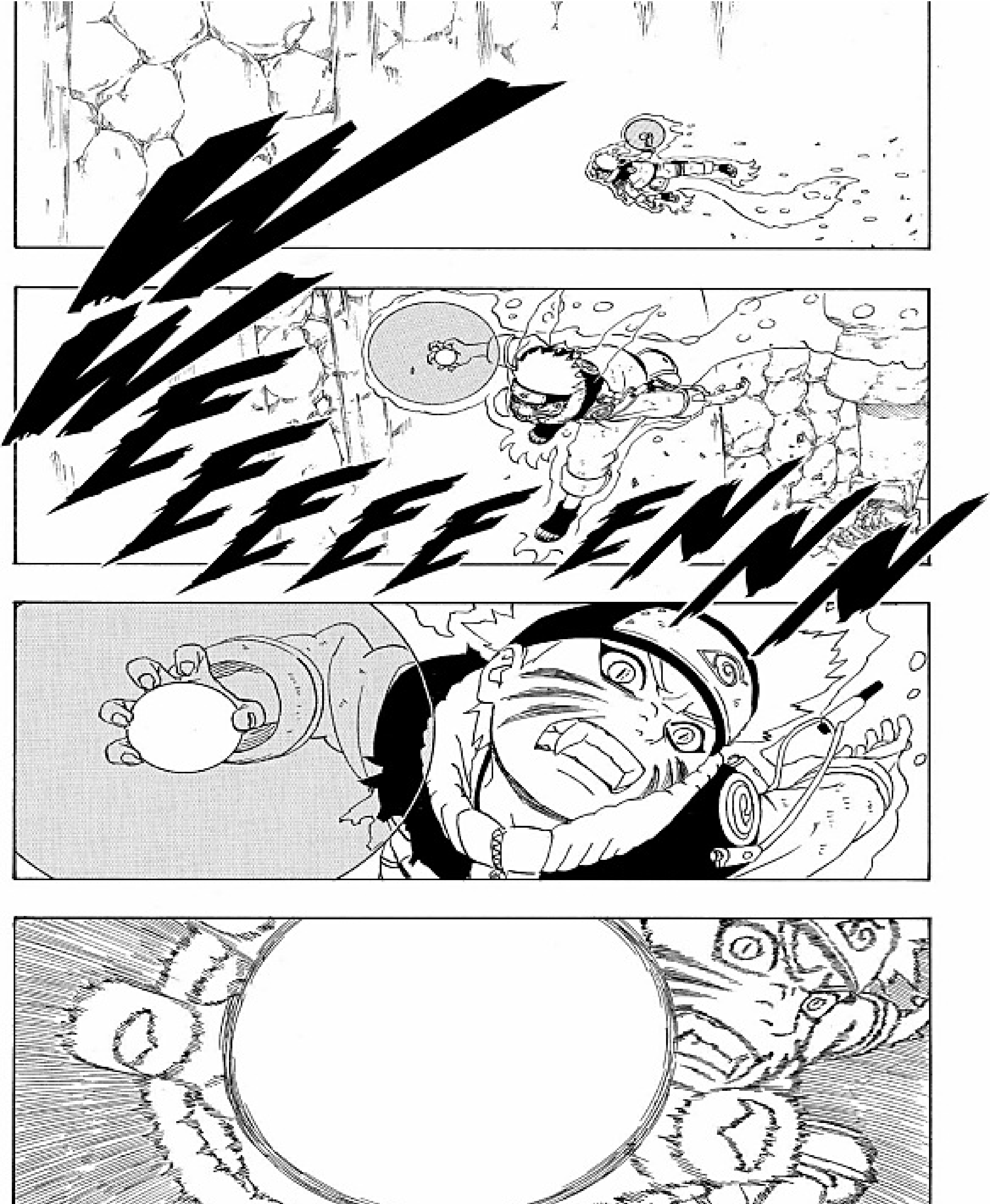
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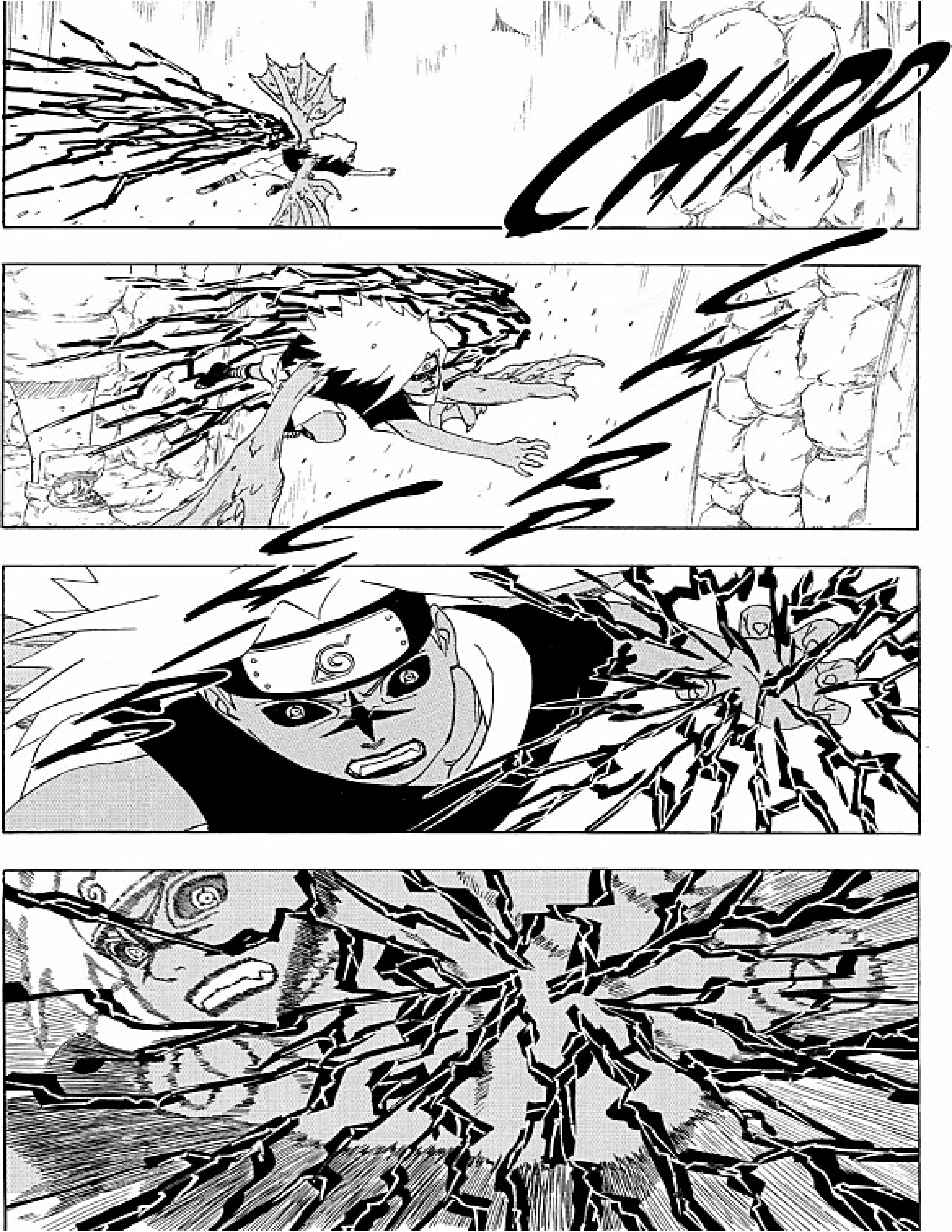
BUP

BZZAK


CHI-RP
CHIRRP
CHIRRP
FSSH


FASSH
EEEEEEN
BWONNN
FSSH




CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP


CHIDORI! 1000 BIRDS!!


RASENGAN! SPIRAL CHAKRA SPHERE!!
KAM



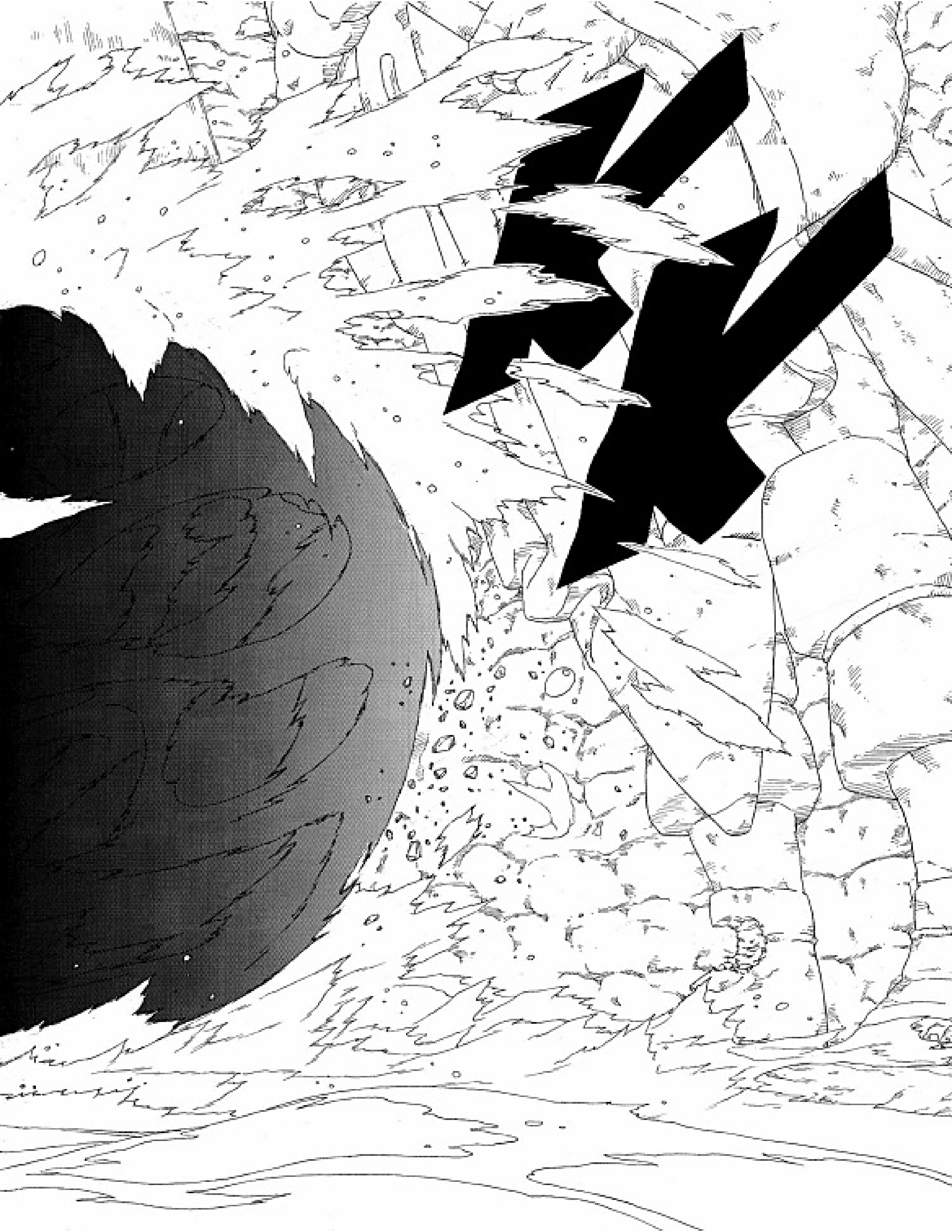
Yuichi Itakura, 11/8/2004


Number 233:
The Worst Ending...!!


URK!
UGH!


SHAK
!!
TWIKK
ZZZAAM
SPAP
THIS CHAKRA!!
THIS IS BAD!!
FWOOSH

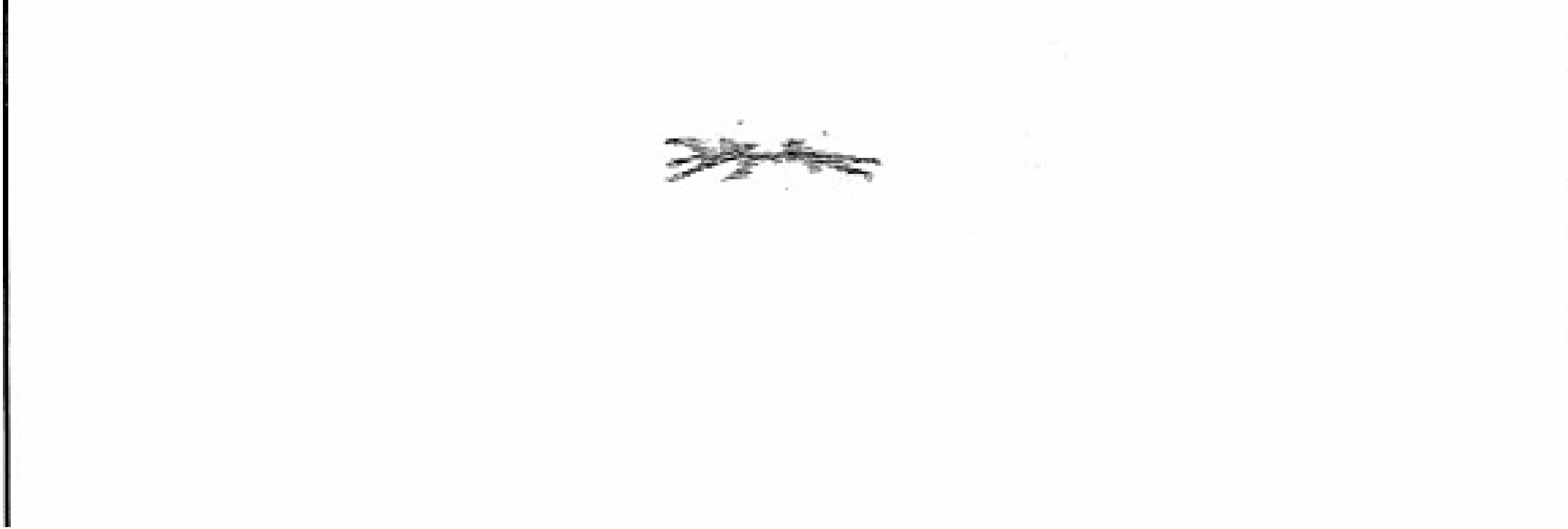


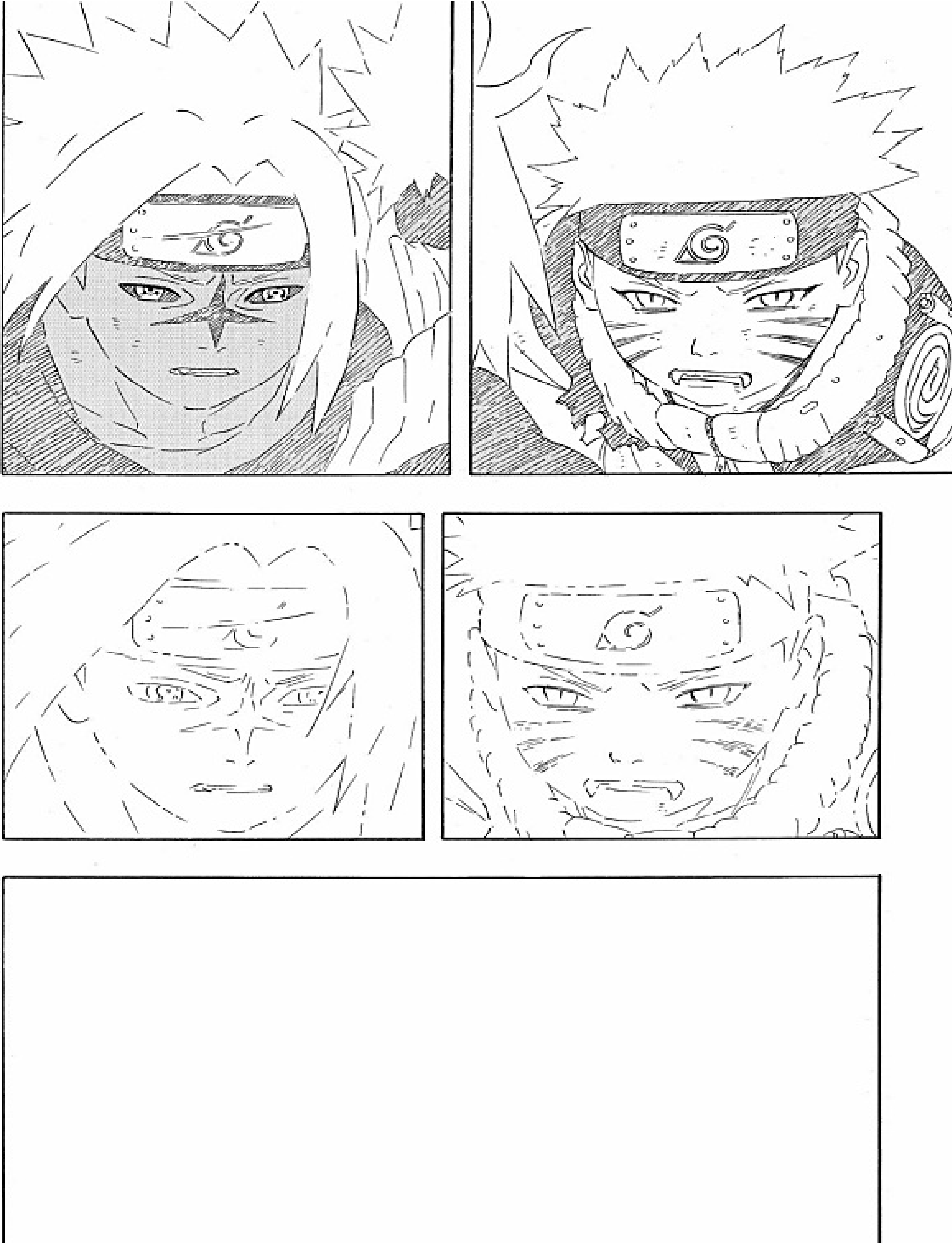


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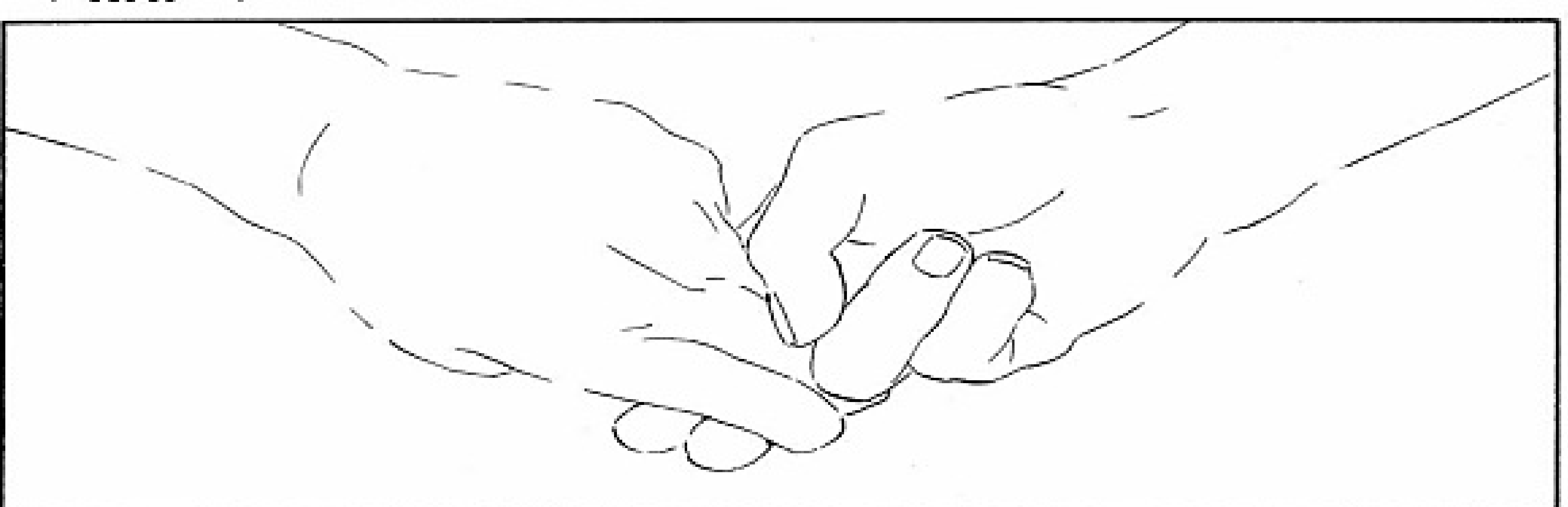
CHAK

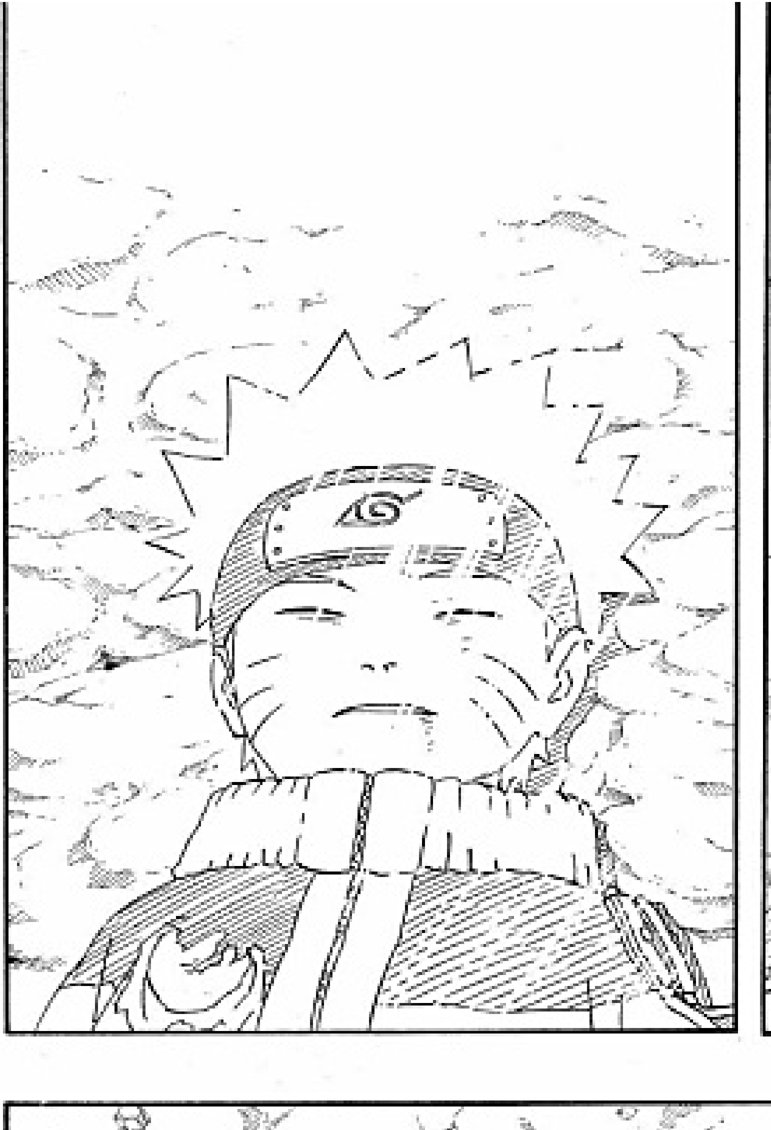
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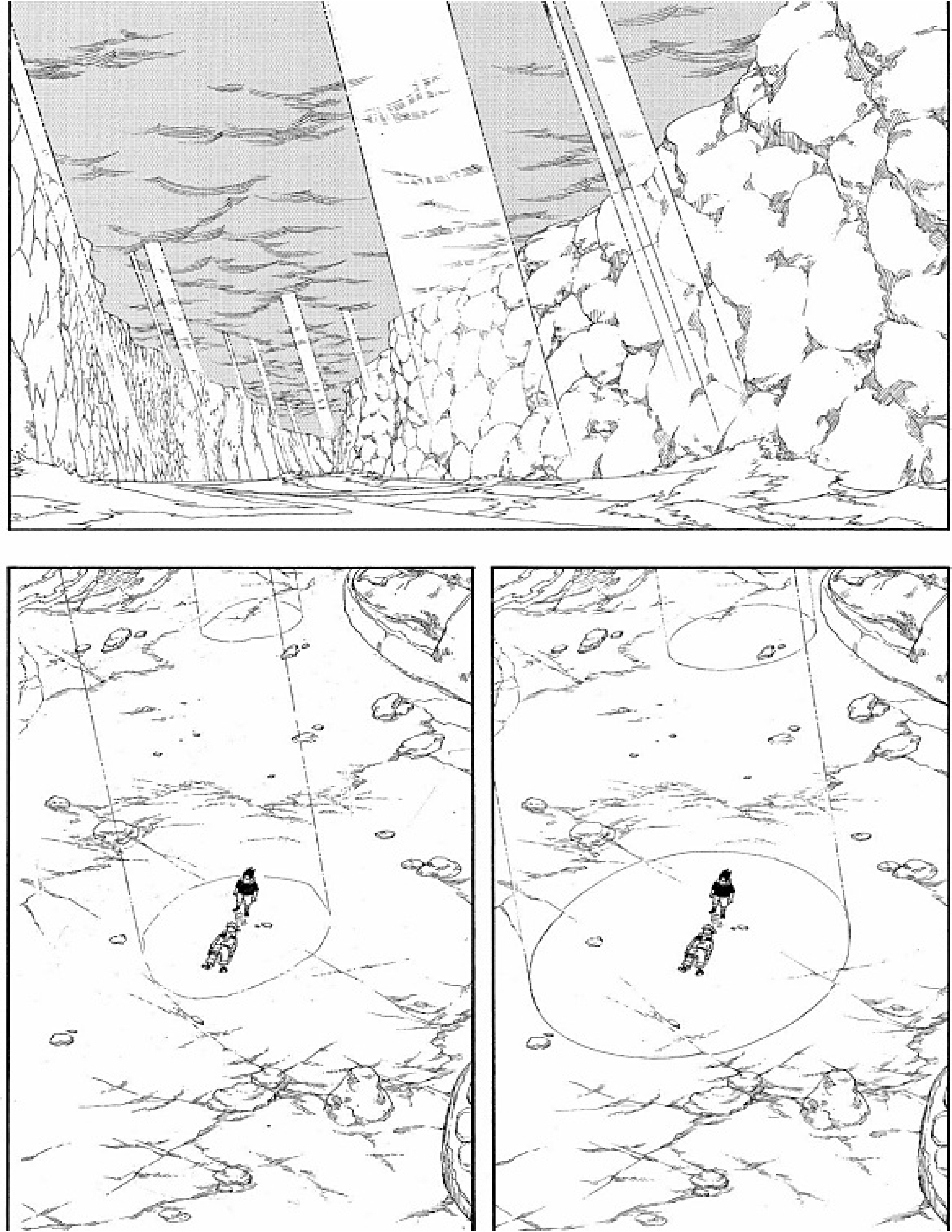



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WAY

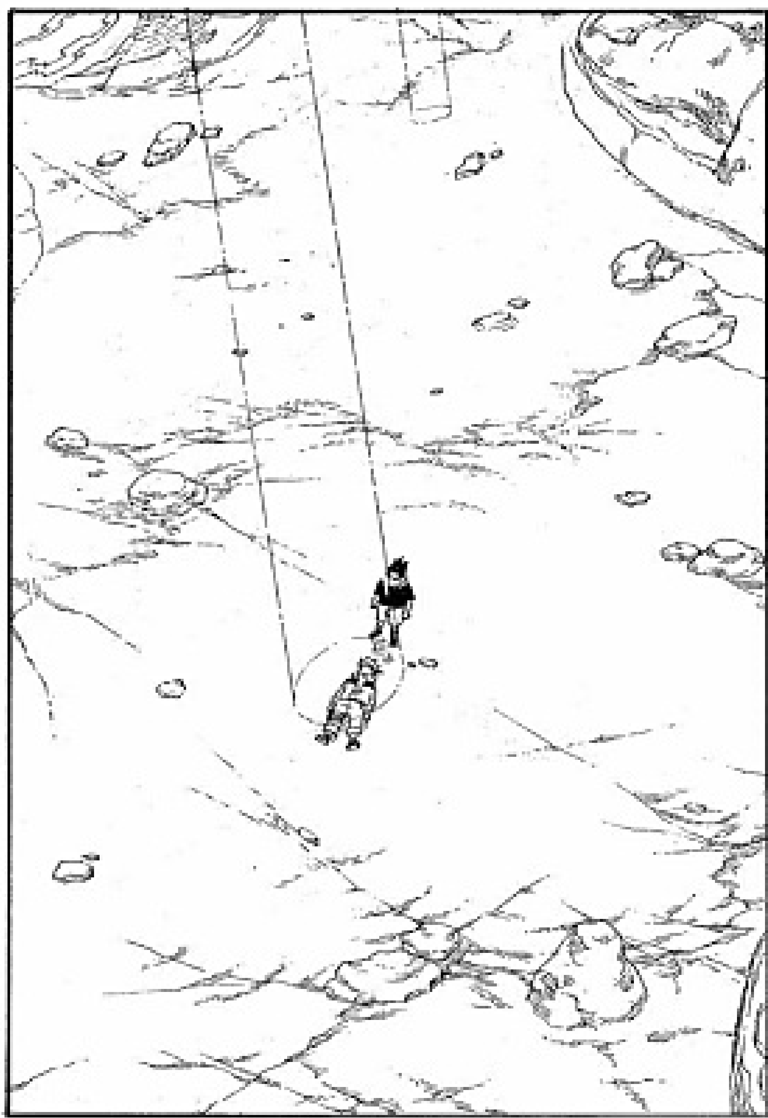












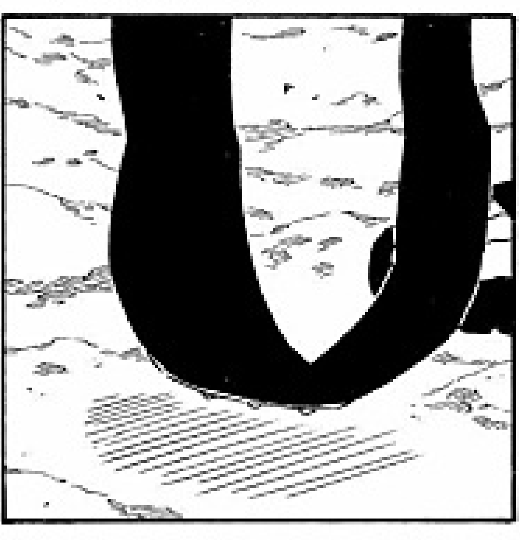



SHUF


READ
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WAY

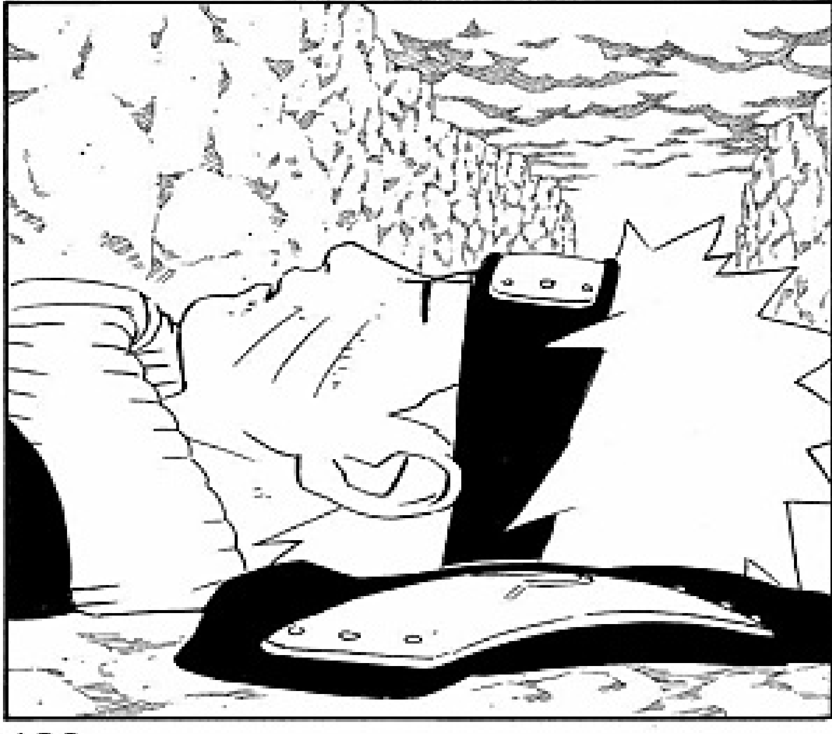






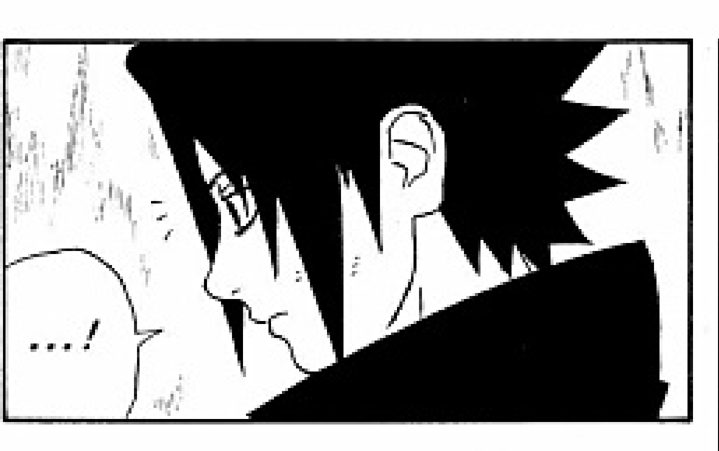

TAK
PLIP

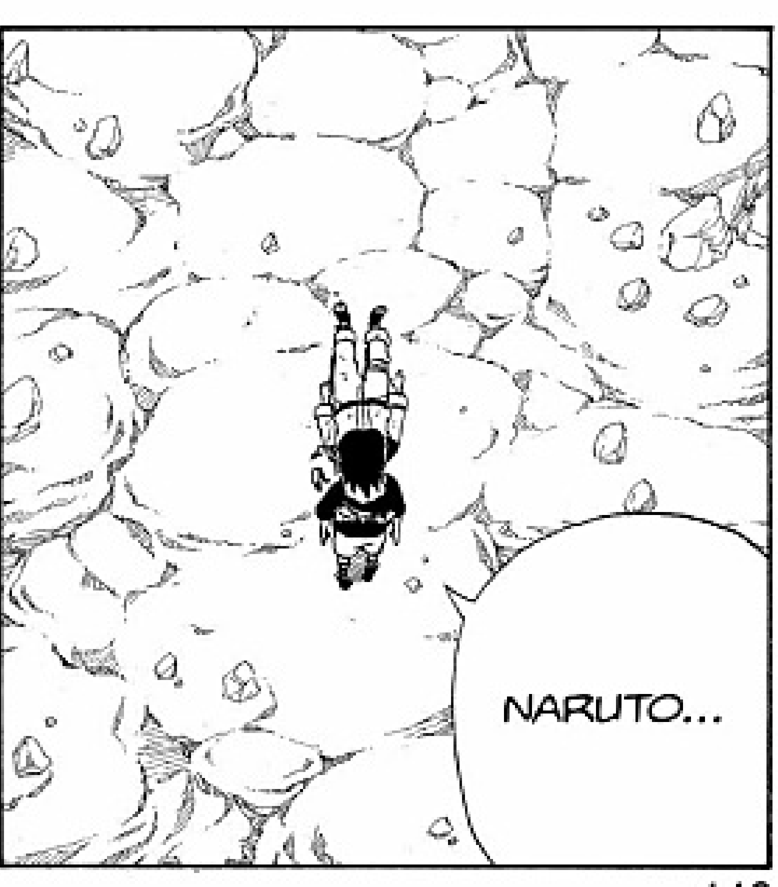


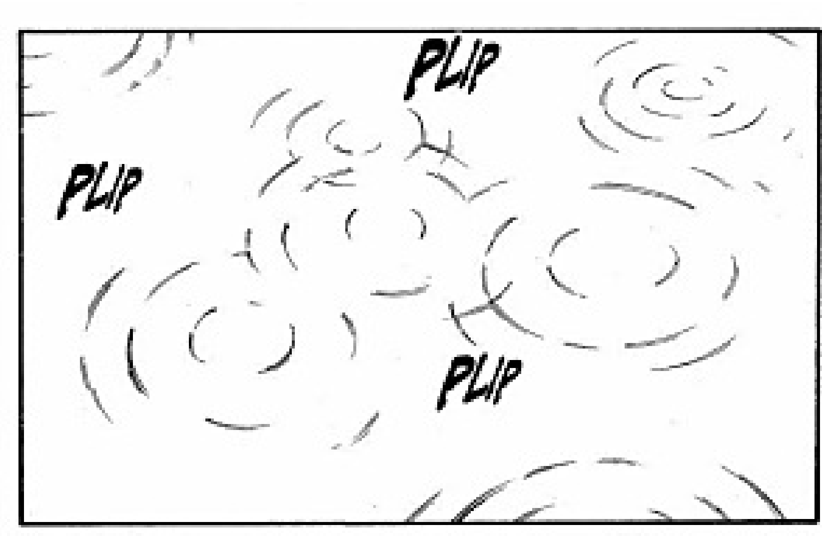


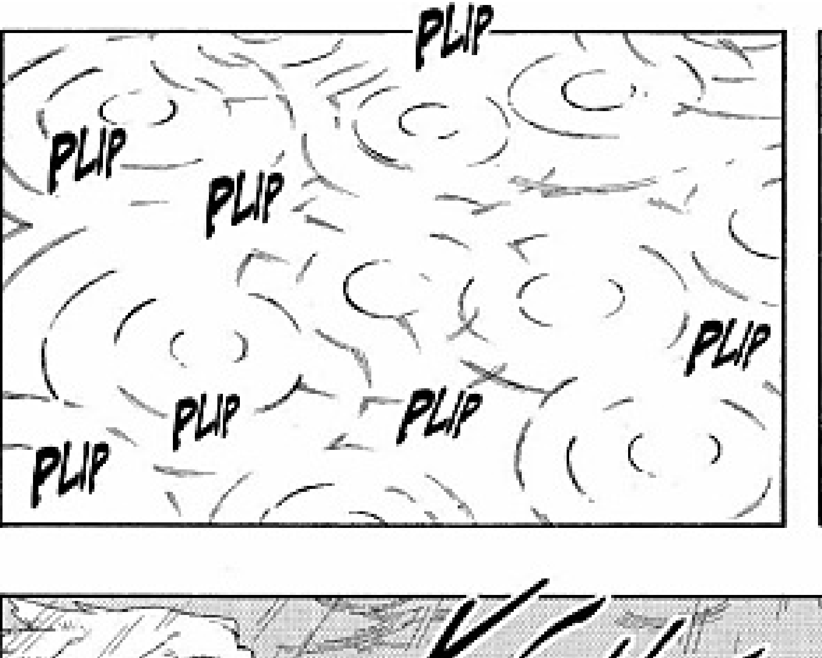


NARUTO
...


...

...!


NARUTO...


PLIP
PLIP
PLIP

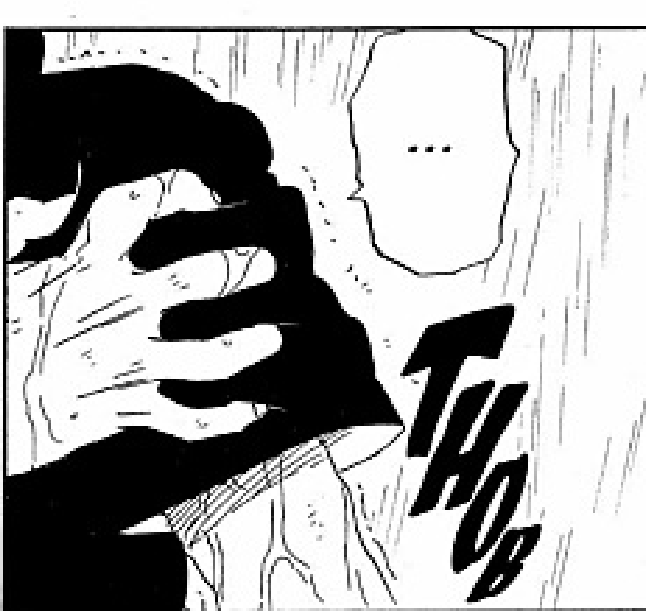

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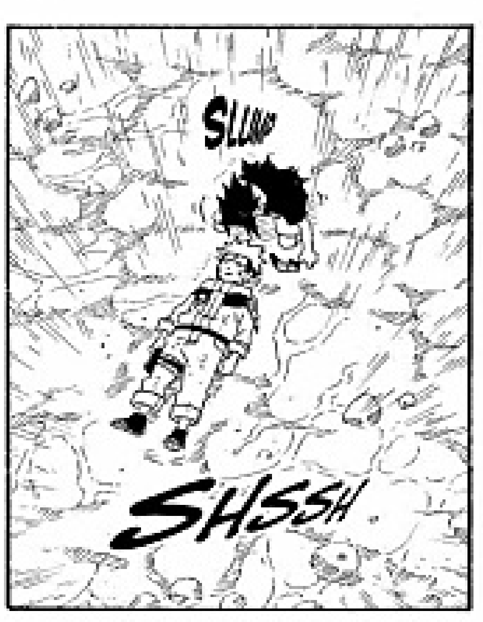

KSHSSHHHH


SHSSHHHH



AGH...





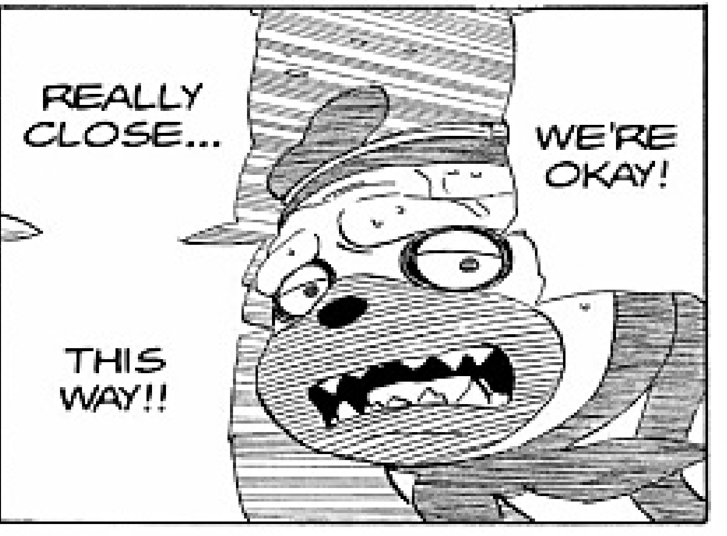


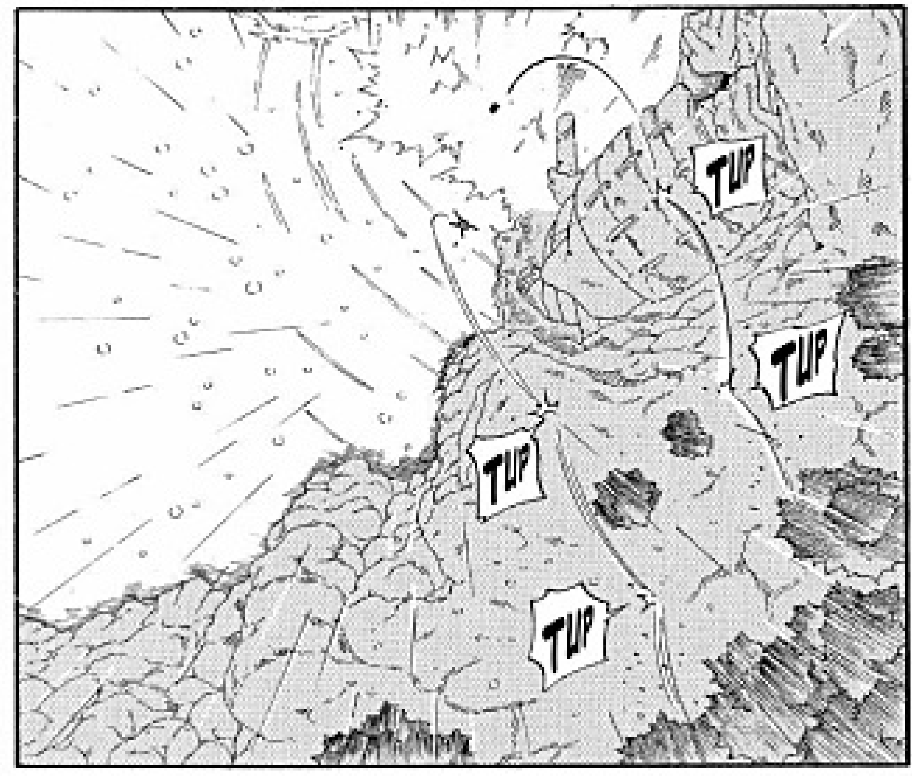


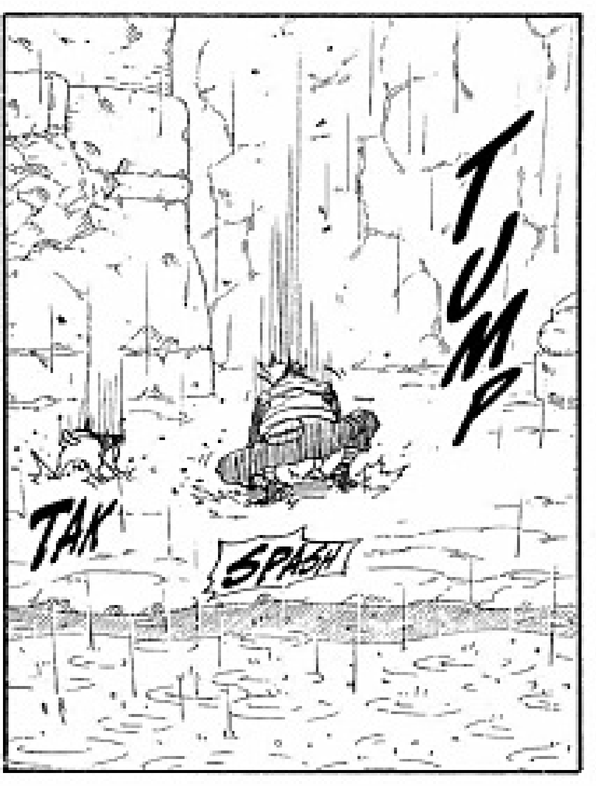

SHSSHHH


FWOOOSH

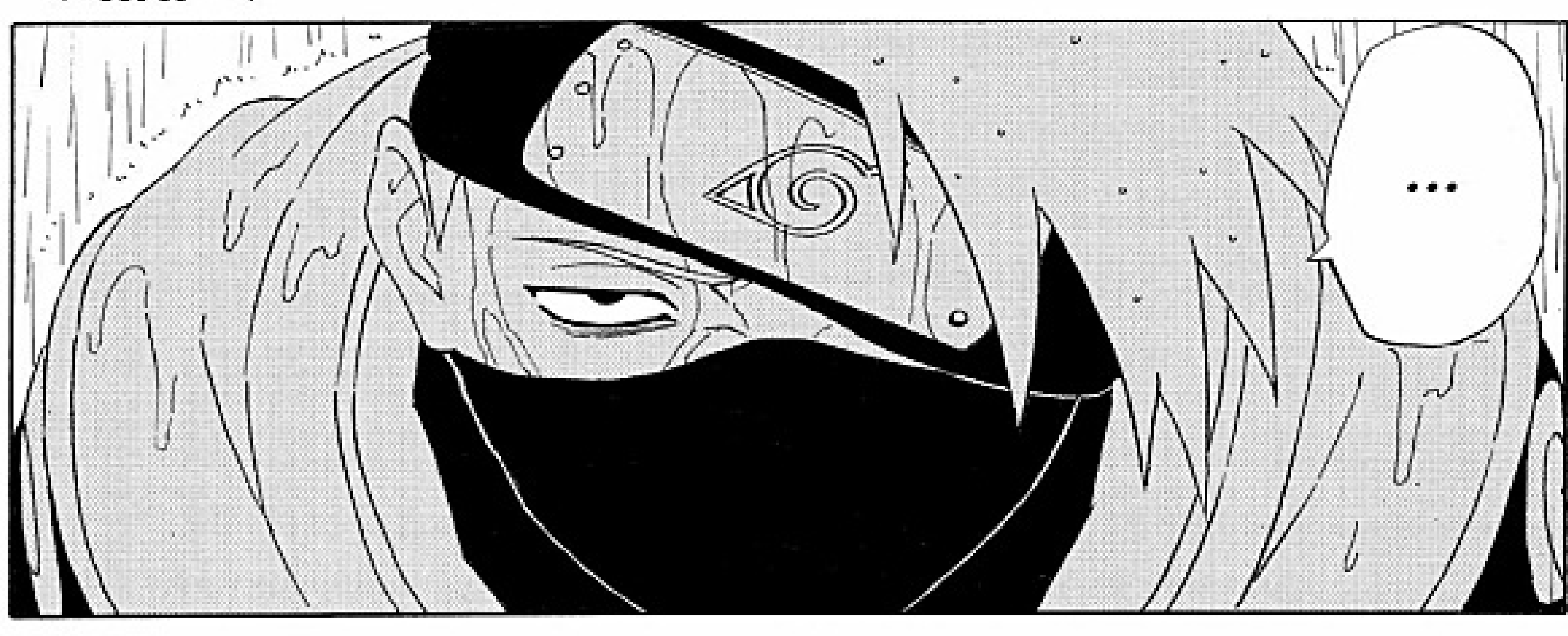

IT'S RAIN-ING...
CAN YOU STILL HOLD THE SCENT?!


WE'RE OKAY!
REALLY CLOSE...
THIS WAY!!


TUP
TUP
TUP
TUP


TUMP
TAK
SPASH





SHSSHHHH

TOO LATE...



Congratulations on the 5th Anniversary!!

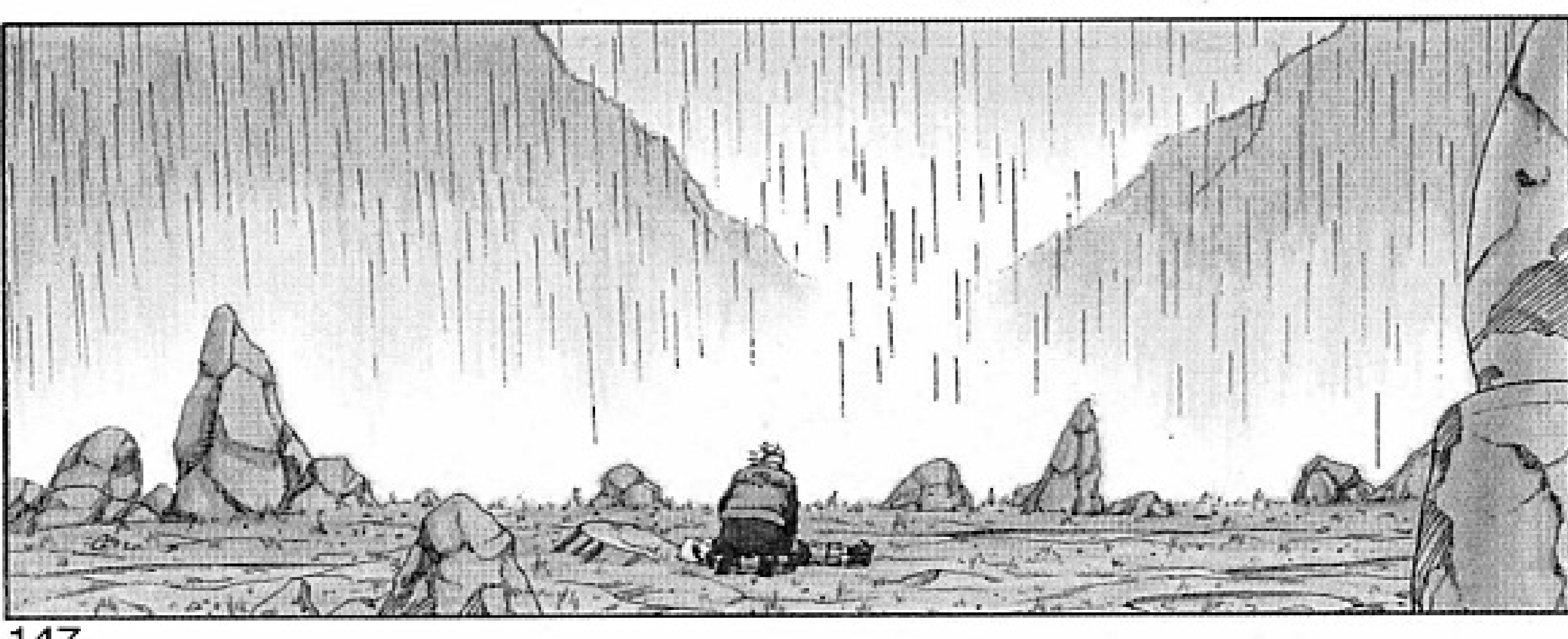
'04.11.09 村上正樹.
Masaki Murakami

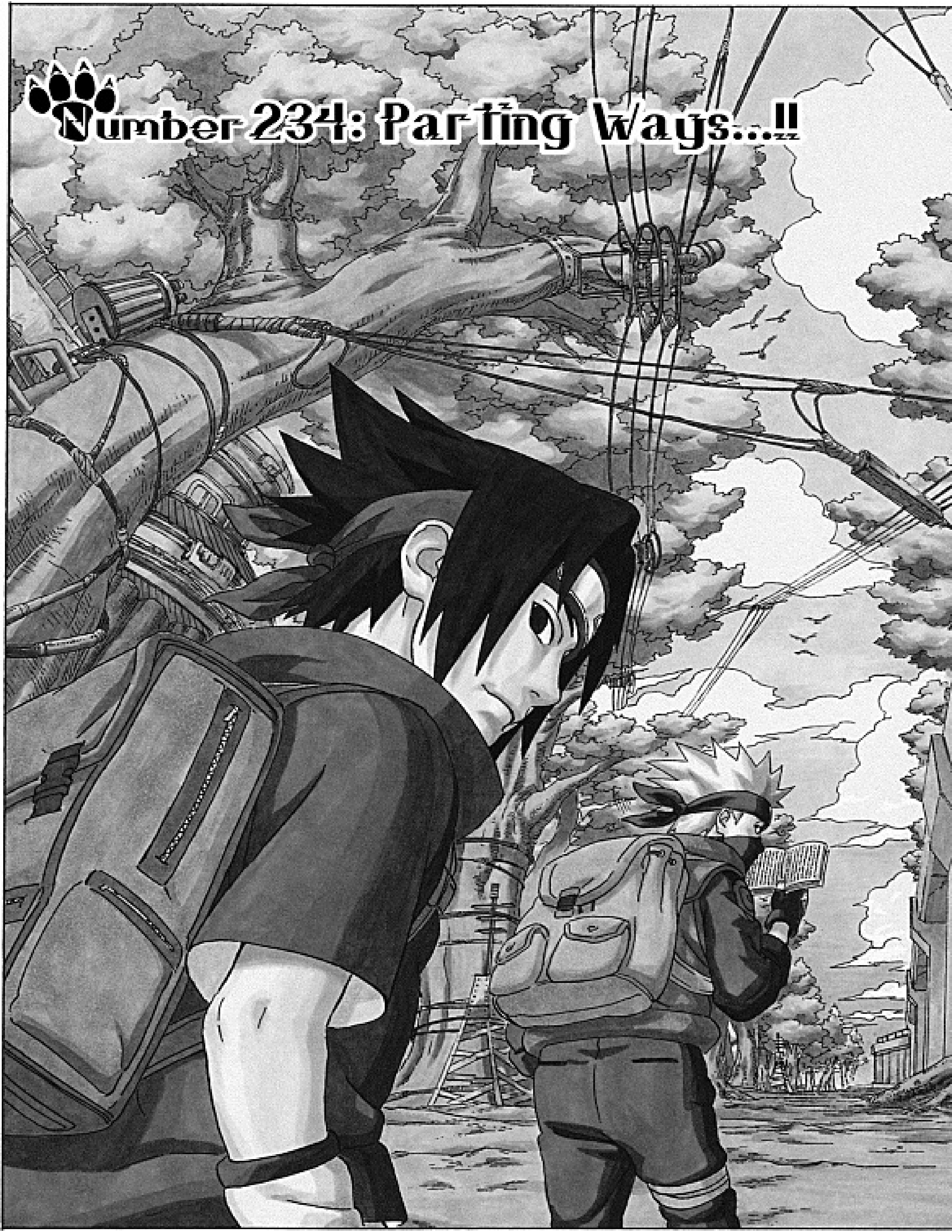
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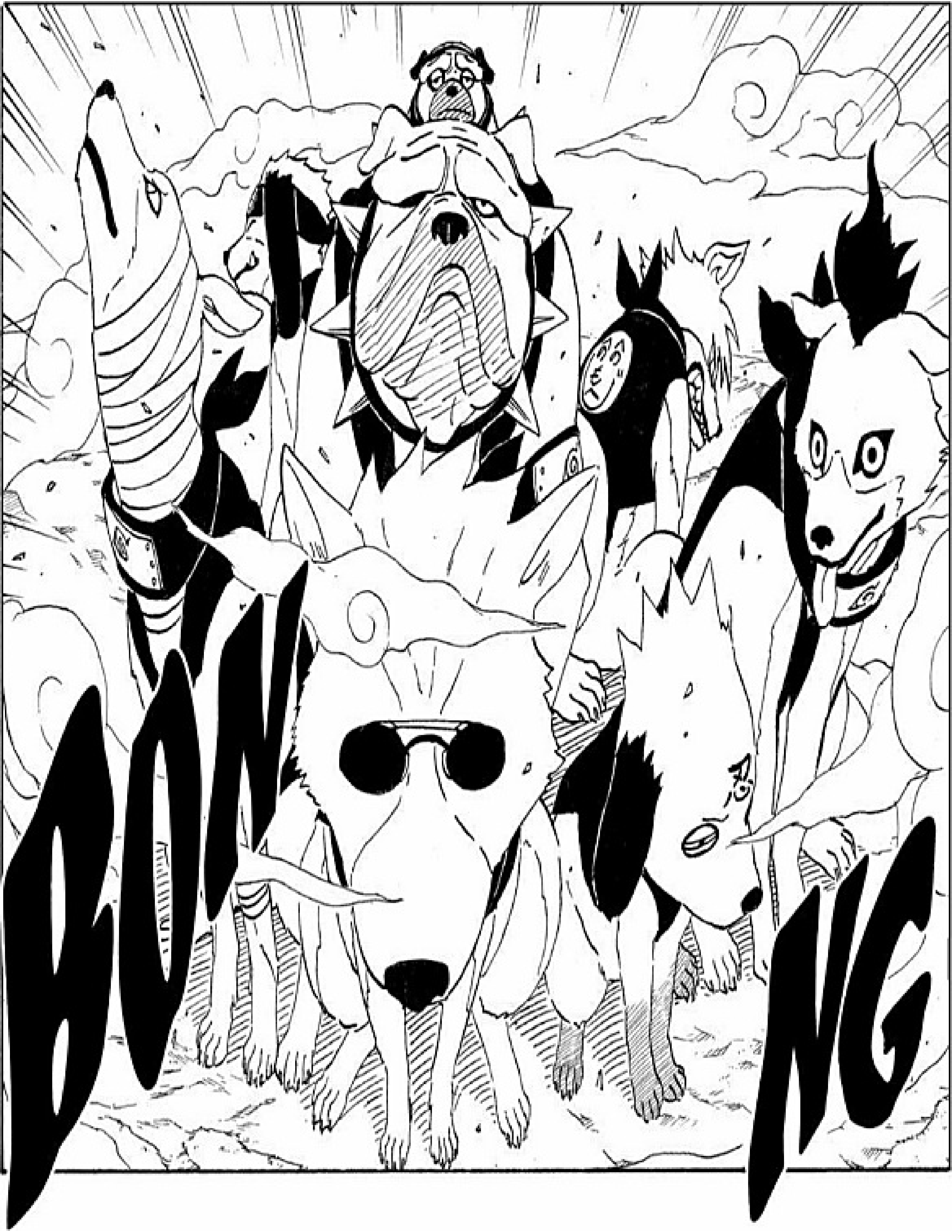




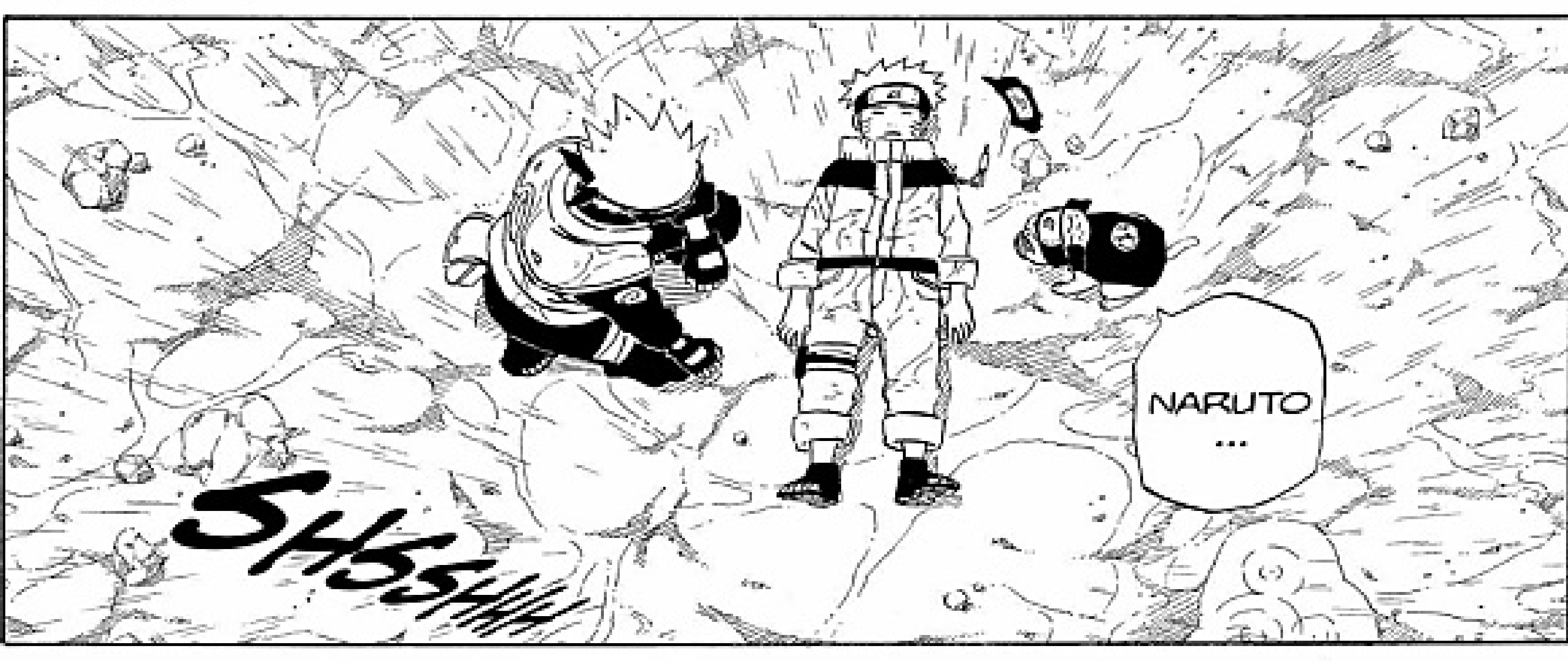



Number 234: Parting Ways...!!




BOOM
NG

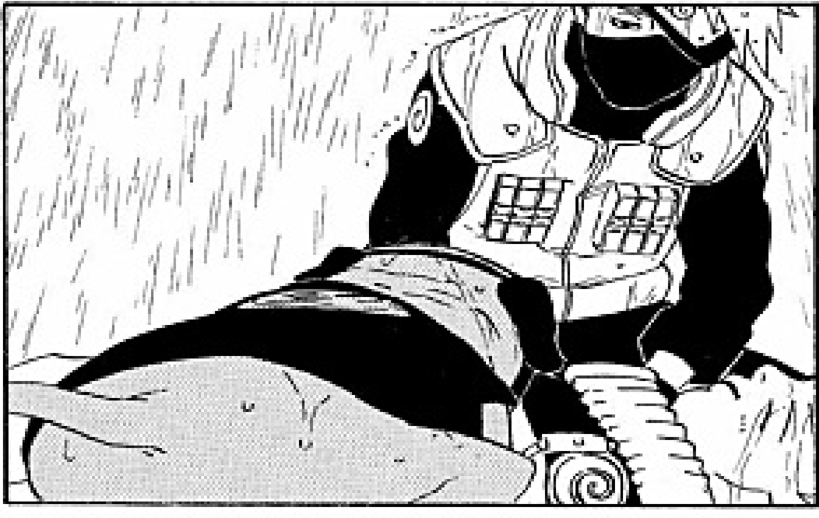

READ
THIS
WAY


NARUTO
...
SHSSHH


WHY... DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?


...

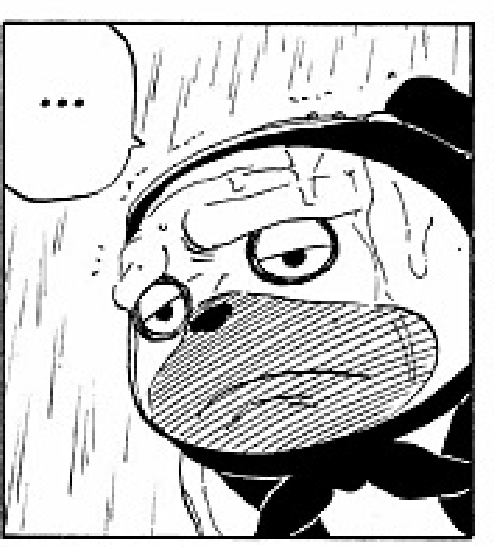

SNFF SNFF



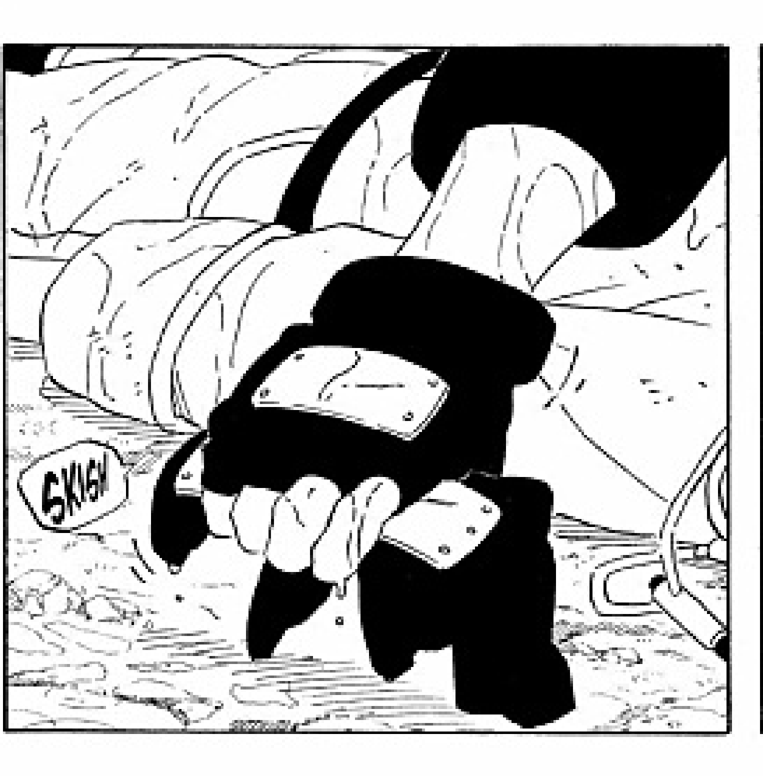
IT'S SASUKE'S.


...



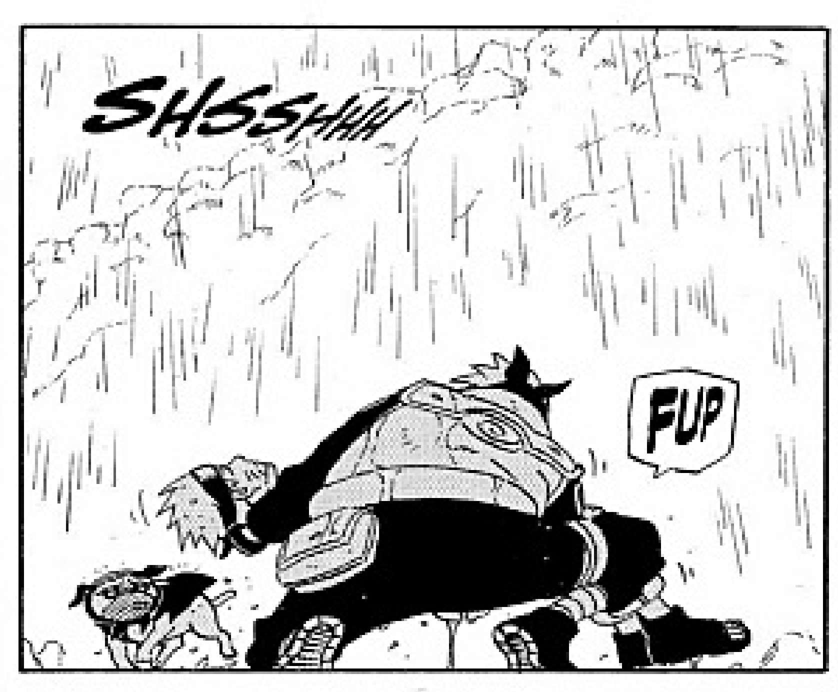

...


SHK


SKISH



READ THIS WAY



SHSSHHH
FUP



SHFF
I COULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME. I'M SORRY.



SHSSSHH
NARUTO.

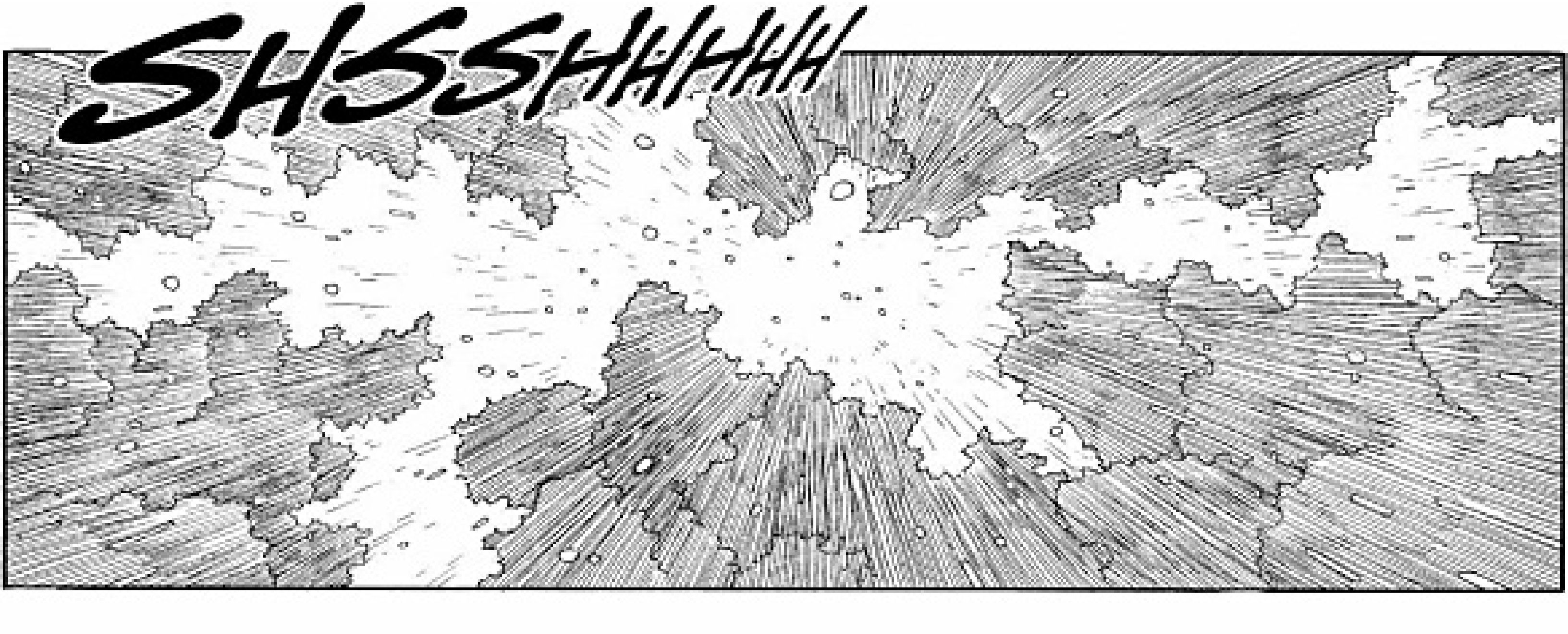


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KNOWING YOU...
YOU REALLY GAVE IT YOUR ALL... DIDN'T YOU.

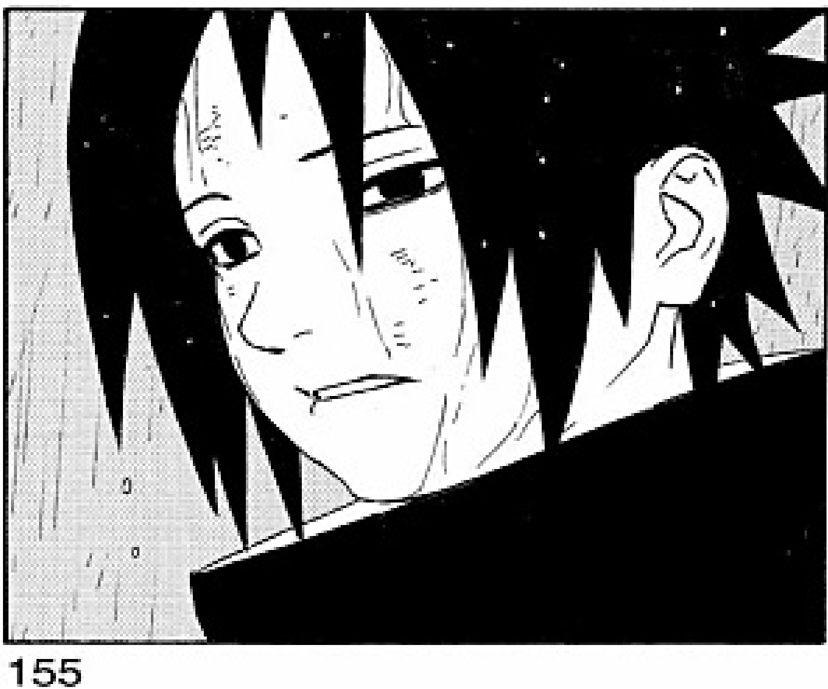

SASUKE
...


SHSSHHHH

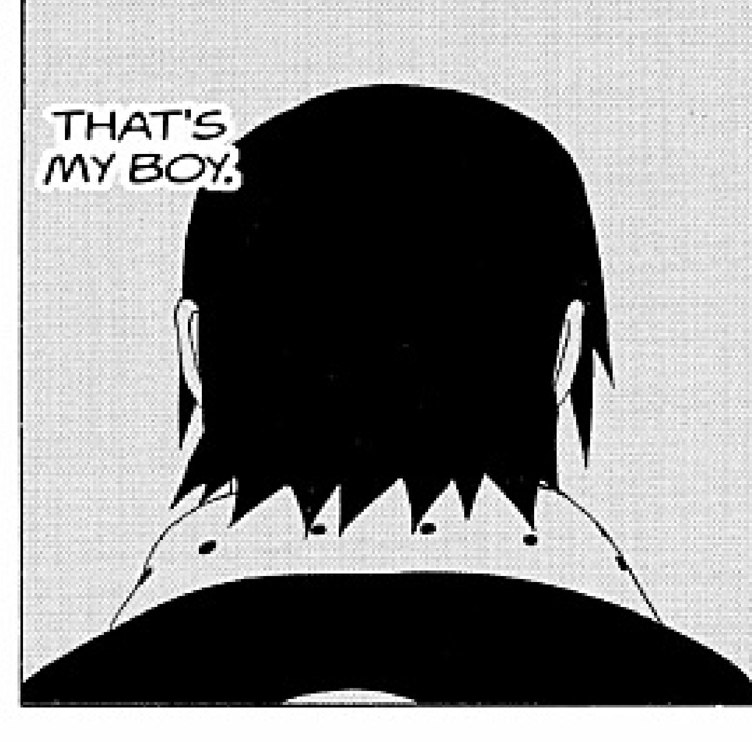

TAK


JIKK

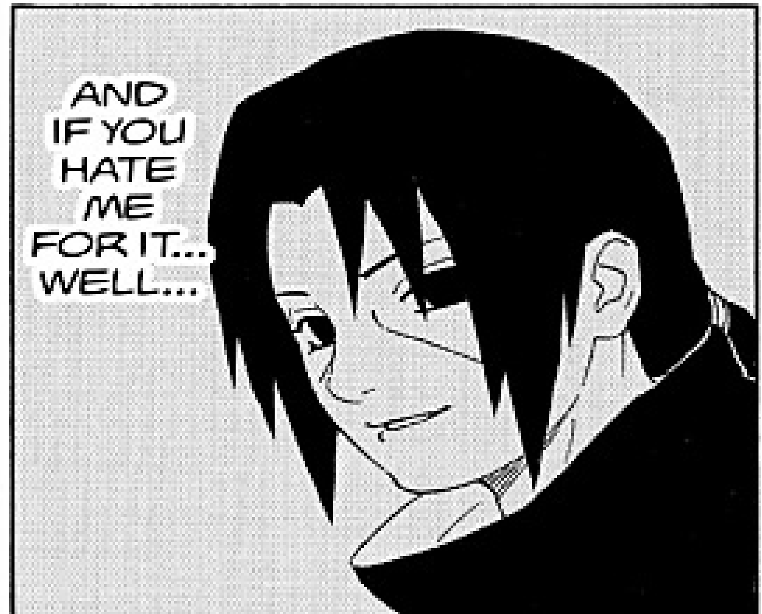


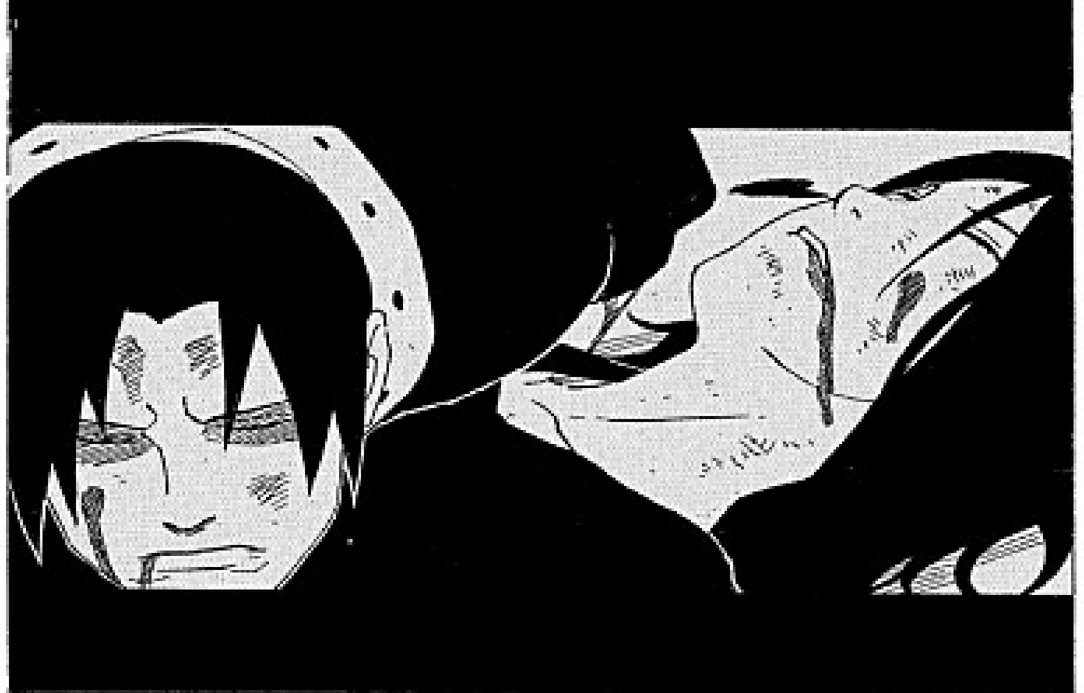



WHEN-EVER WE CHAT...
YOU'RE ALL DAD TALKS ABOUT.


THAT'S MY BOY.

YOU AND ME, WE'RE THE ONLY BROTHERS WE GOT.
I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE AS THE WALL YOU GOTTA CLIMB OVER.



AND IF YOU HATE ME FOR IT... WELL...

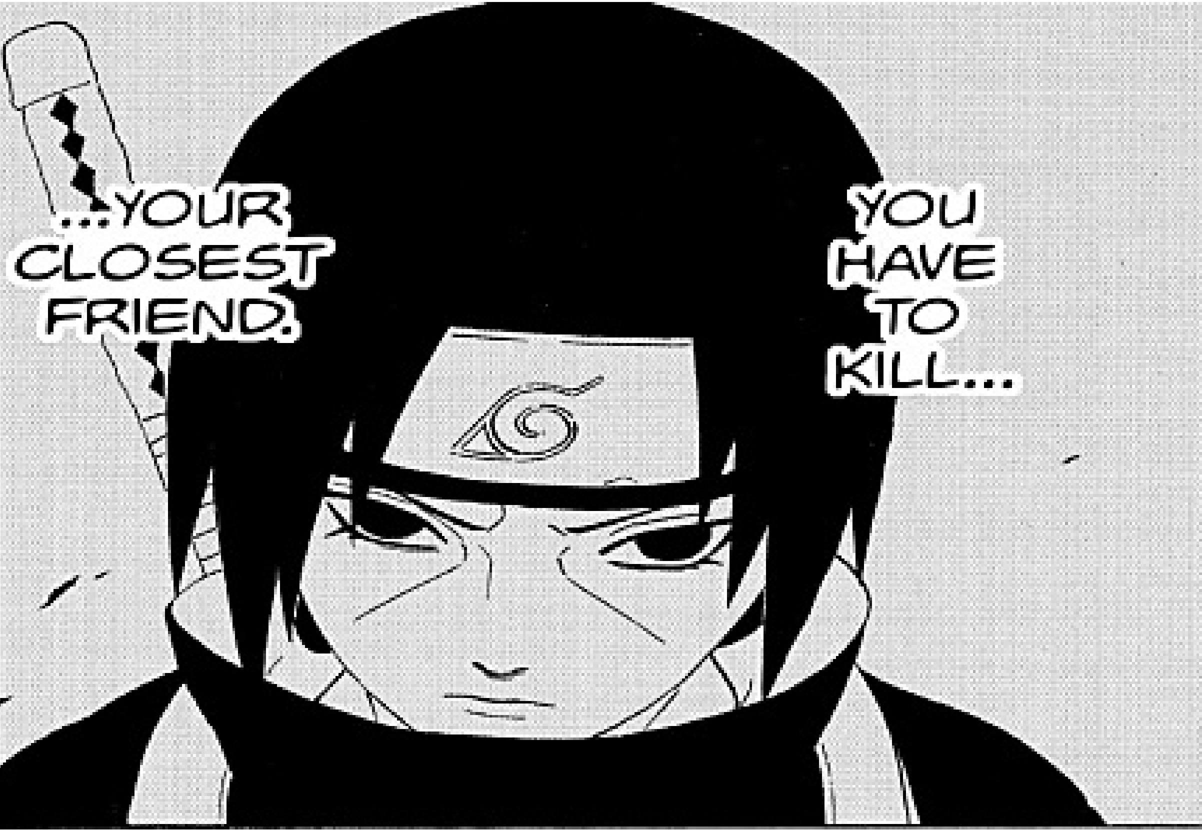







LIKE ME, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
BUT THERE'S A CATCH.

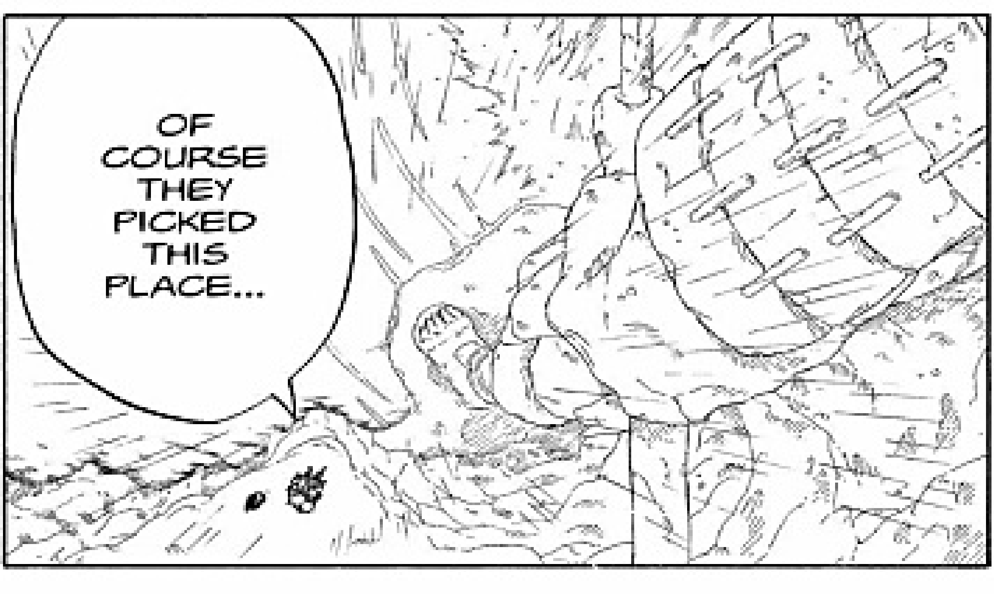



YOU HAVE TO KILL...
...YOUR CLOSEST FRIEND.




SHSSHHHHH

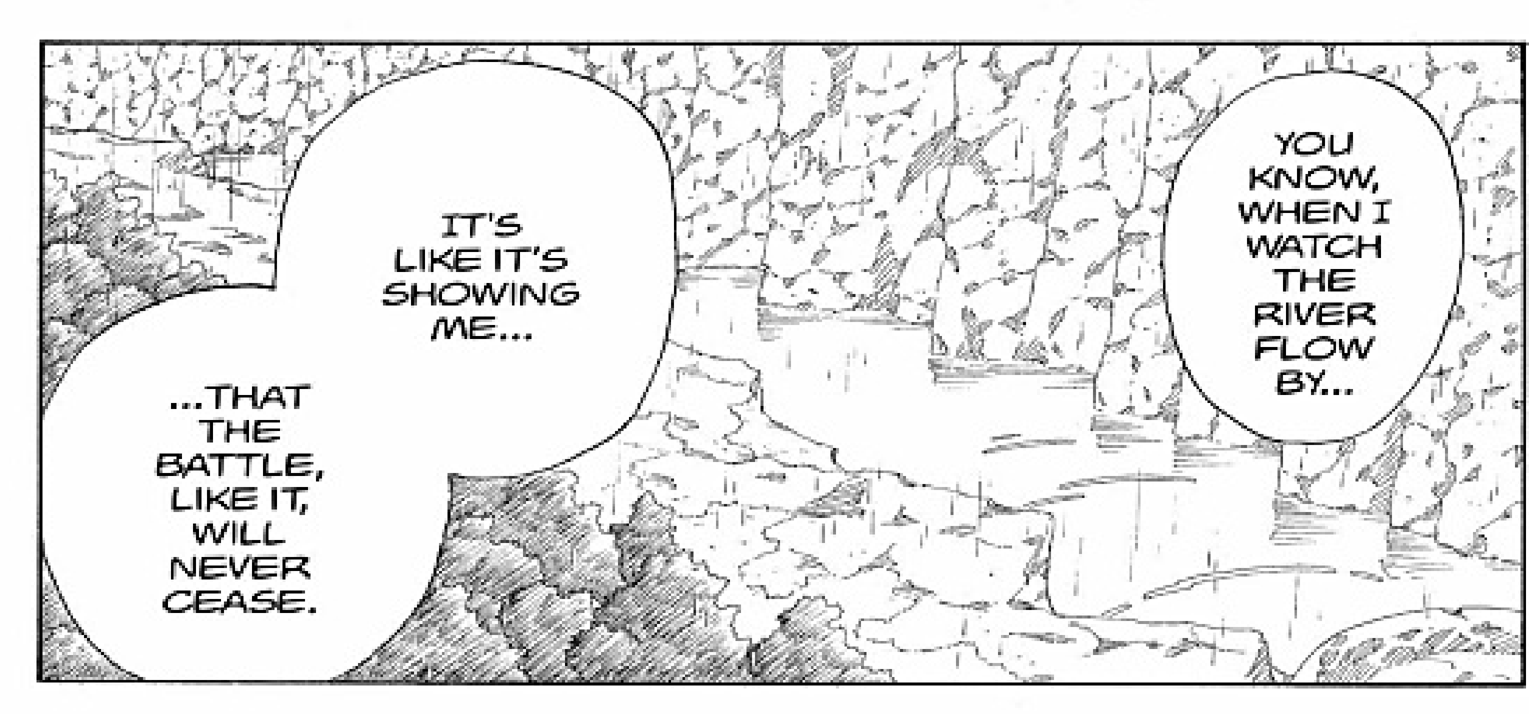
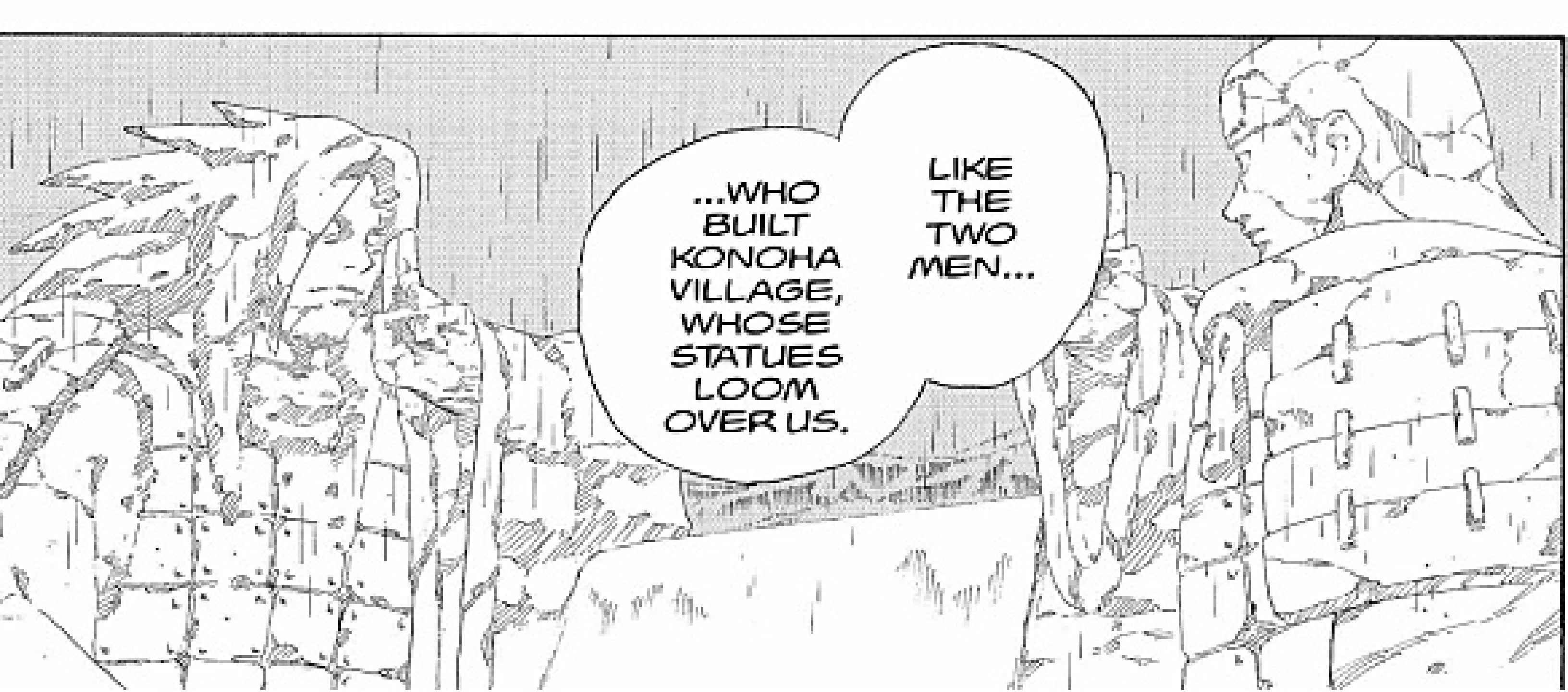



OF COURSE THEY PICKED THIS PLACE...


READ THIS WAY

HOW IRONIC.

YES...
THEY SAY THIS RIVER WAS BORN FROM A SCAR...
...LEFT BY A PAIR OF WARRIORS, LONG AGO.

PLISH
PLISH
PLISH

YOU KNOW, WHEN I WATCH THE RIVER FLOW BY...
IT'S LIKE IT'S SHOWING ME...
...THAT THE BATTLE, LIKE IT, WILL NEVER CEASE.

LIKE THE TWO MEN...
...WHO BUILT KONOHA VILLAGE, WHOSE STATUES LOOM OVER US.

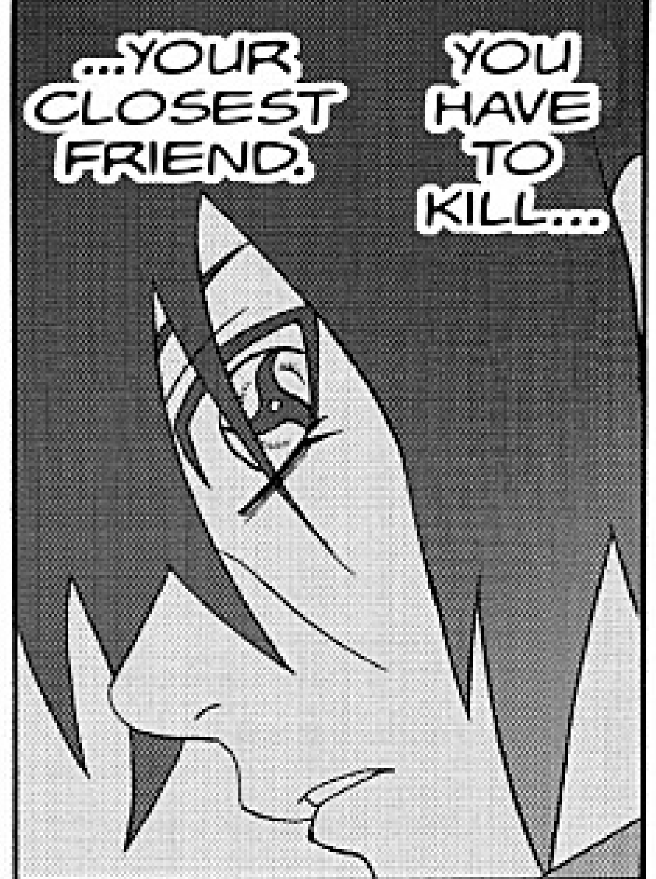
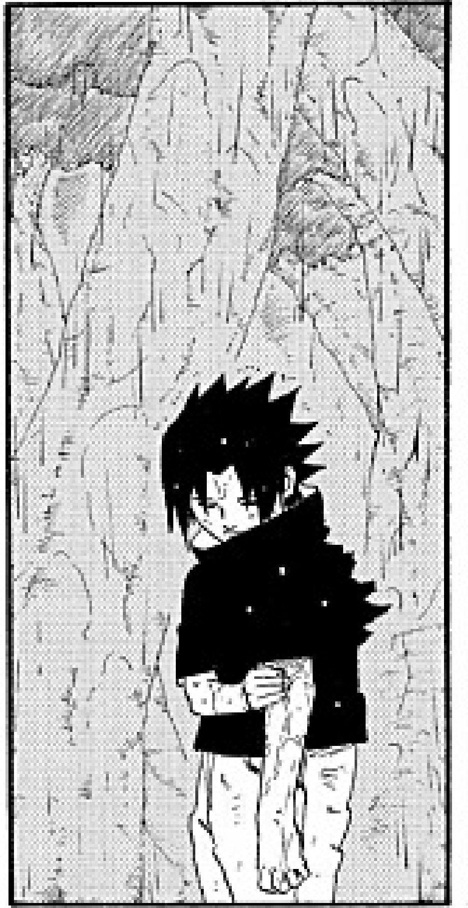
NARUTO AND SASUKE ...
AS LONG AS THEY LIVE, THE CYCLE WILL CONTINUE ...






READ THIS WAY



...

YOU HAVE TO KILL...
...YOUR CLOSEST FRIEND.


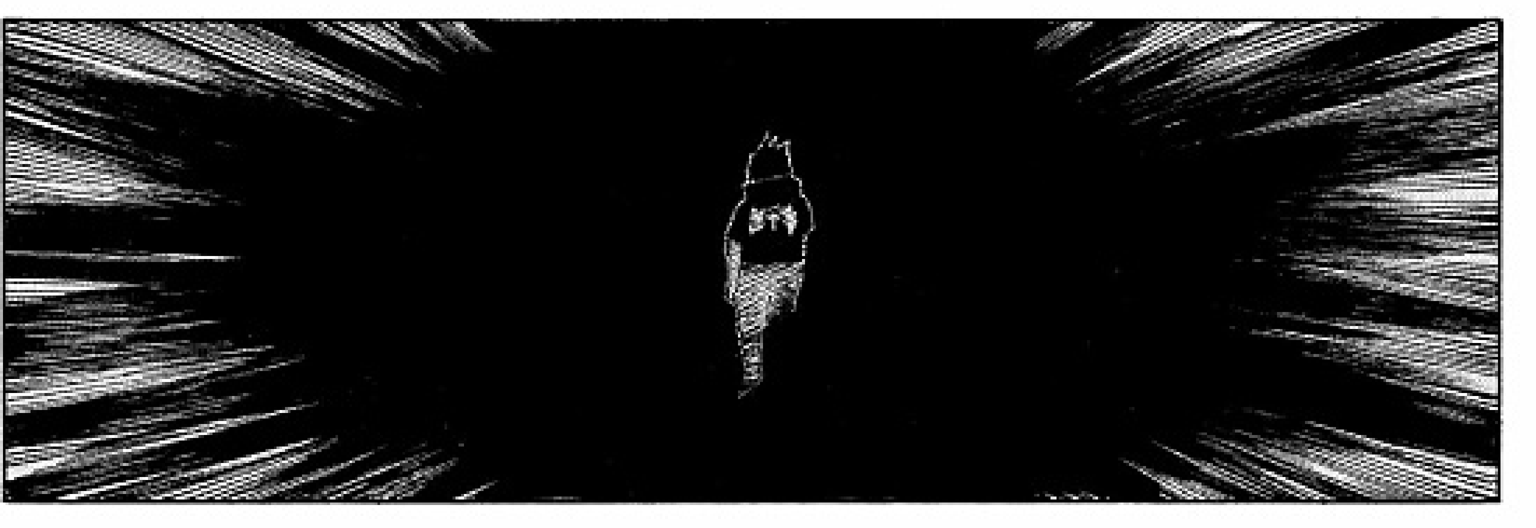

I...
I WILL NOT LOSE CONTROL TO YOU!

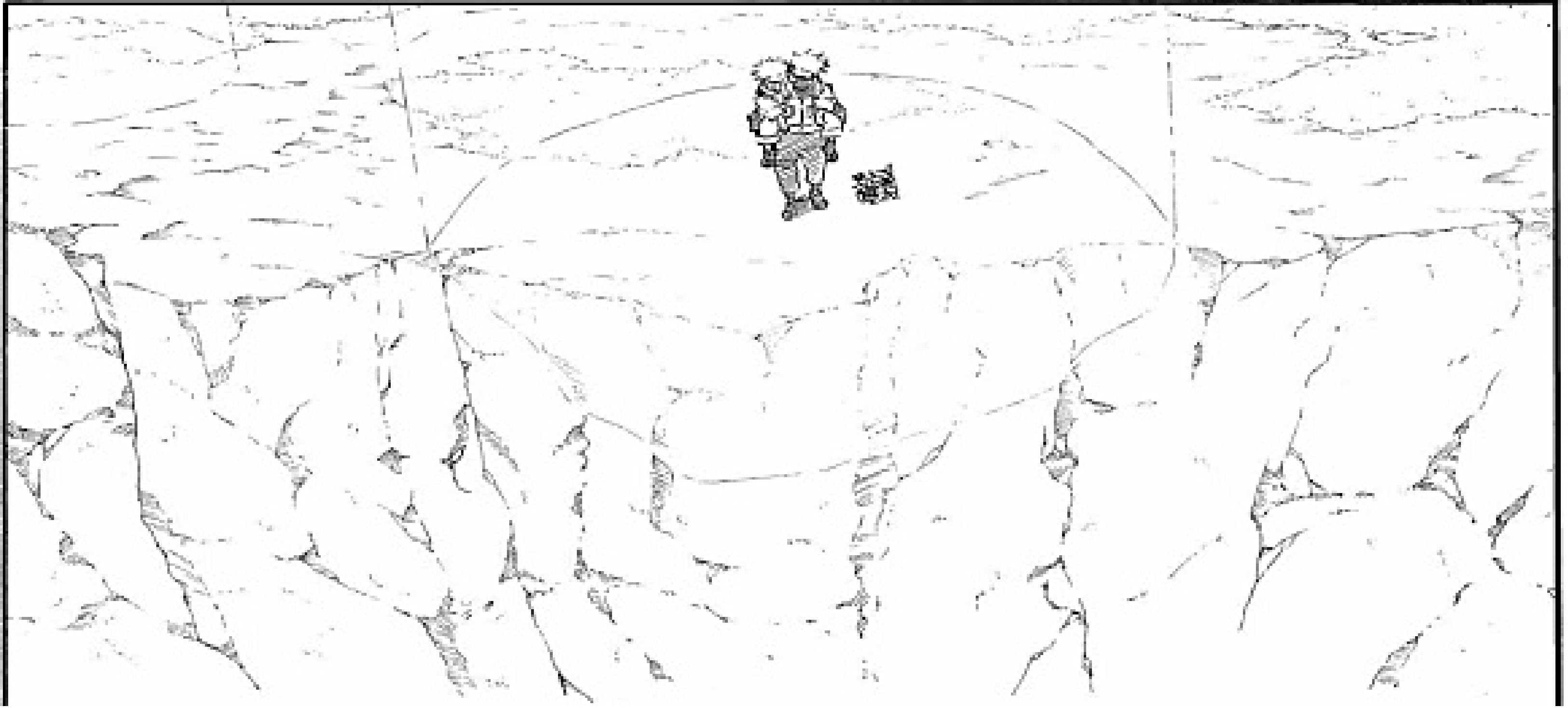
I'LL FIND MY OWN PATH TO POWER!

I WILL BE A BETTER MAN THAN YOU!

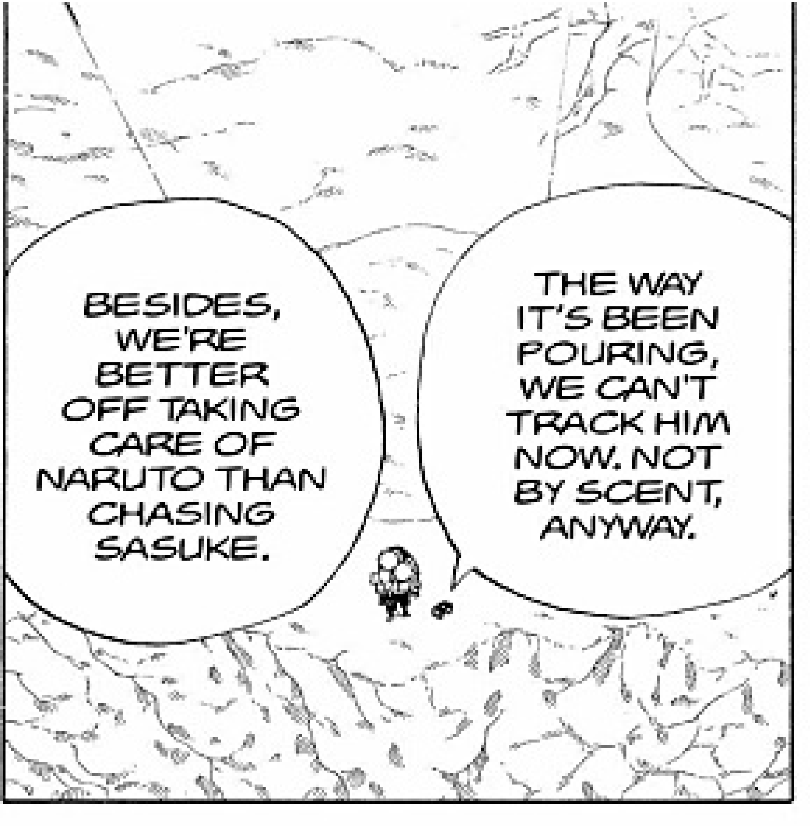


I WILL !!

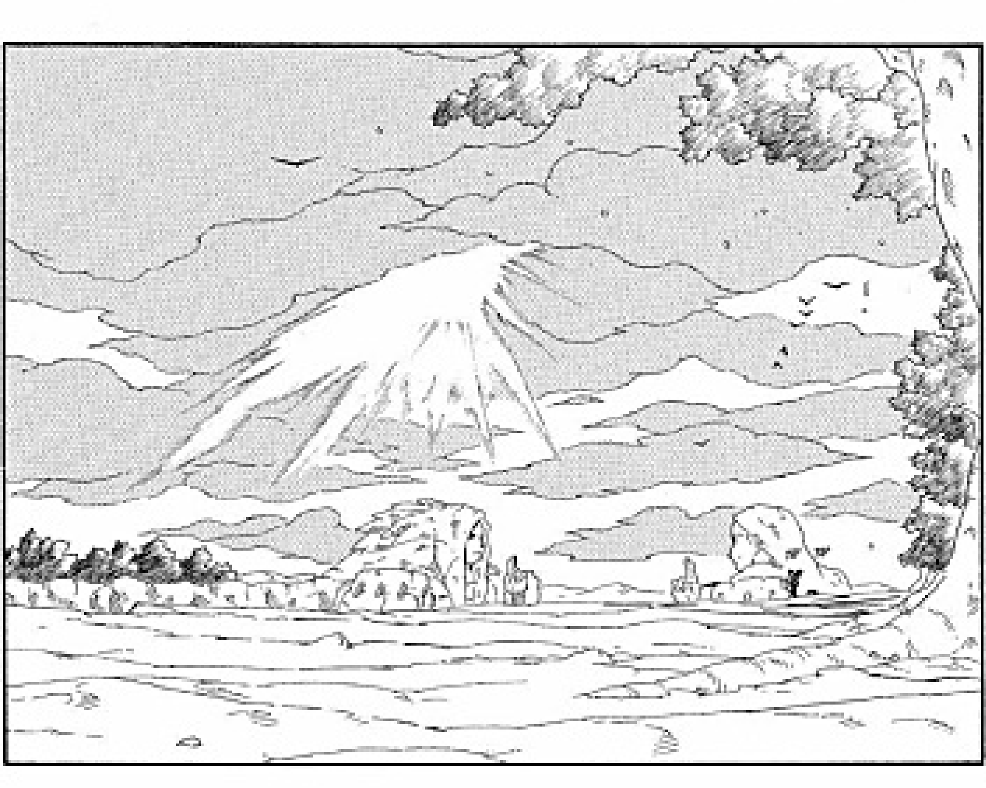


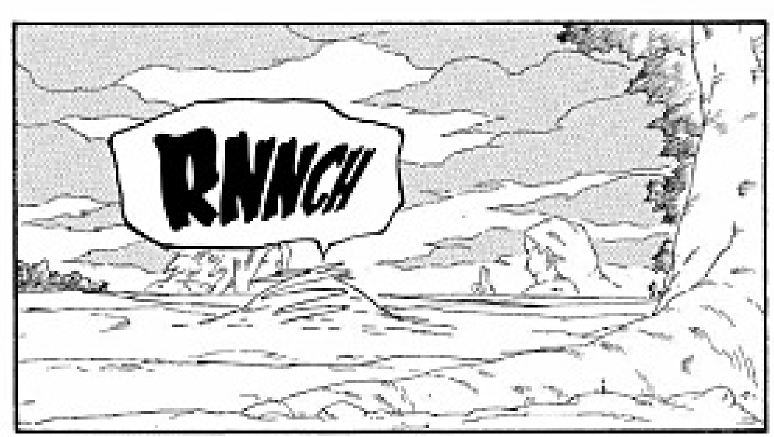



THE RAIN HAS STOPPED.


THE WAY IT'S BEEN POURING, WE CAN'T TRACK HIM NOW. NOT BY SCENT, ANYWAY.
BESIDES, WE'RE BETTER OFF TAKING CARE OF NARUTO THAN CHASING SASUKE.


YES...



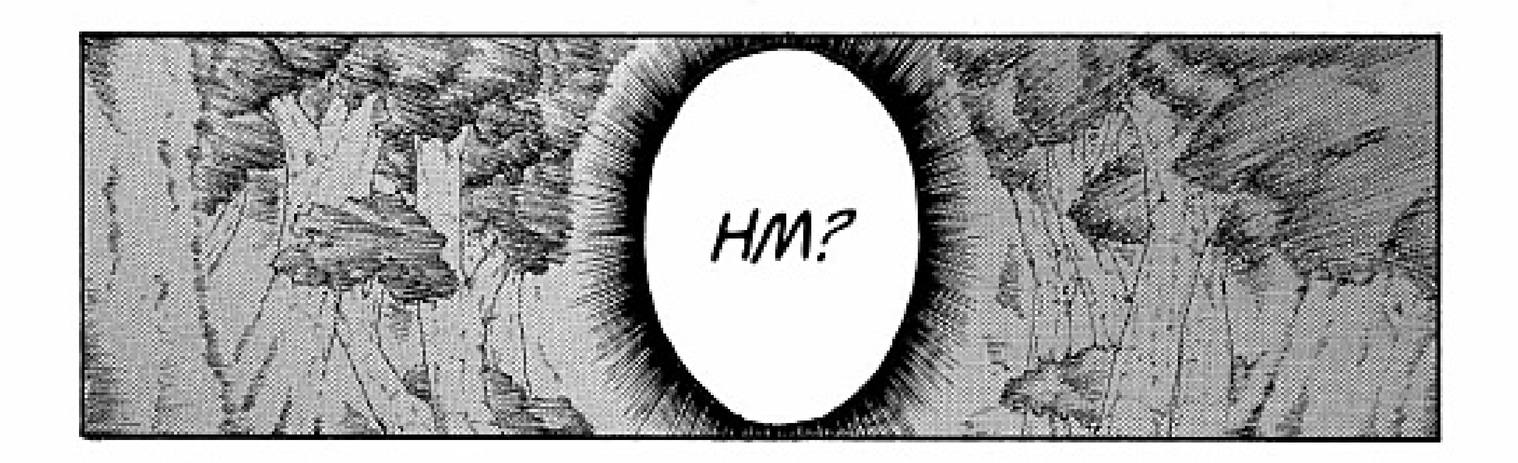

RNNCH


SHRIK
HMM... THINGS ARE GETTING MUCH MORE INTERESTING, DON'T YOU THINK?


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OH YES, INDEED ...


NARUTO™


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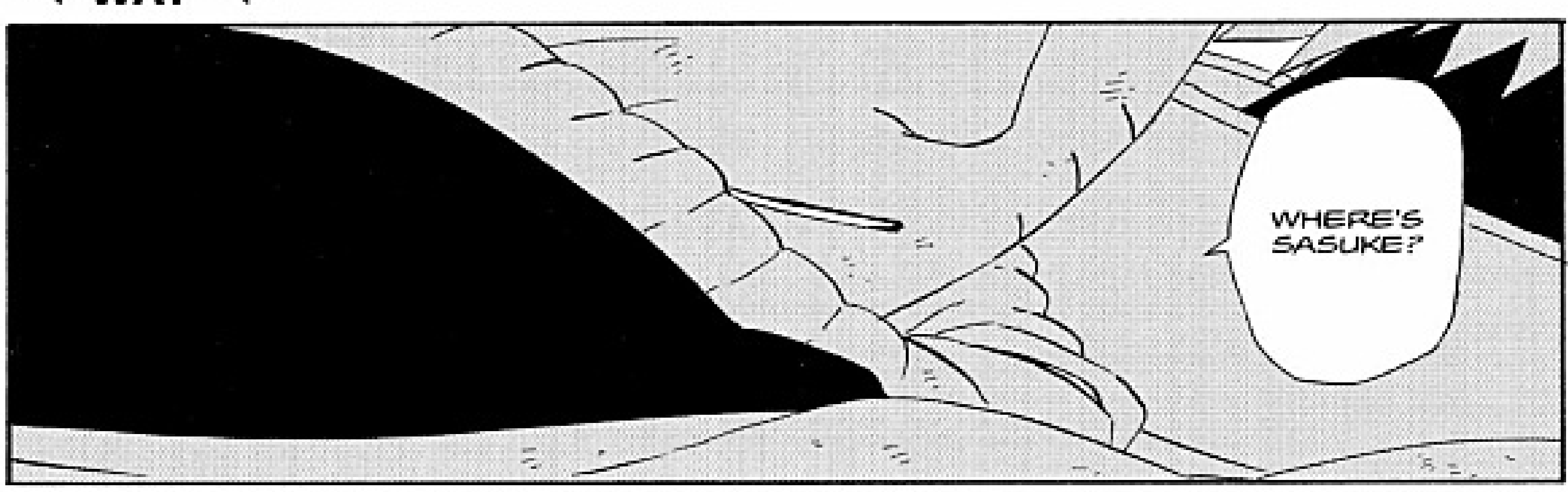

HM?


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MASTER KAKASHI...
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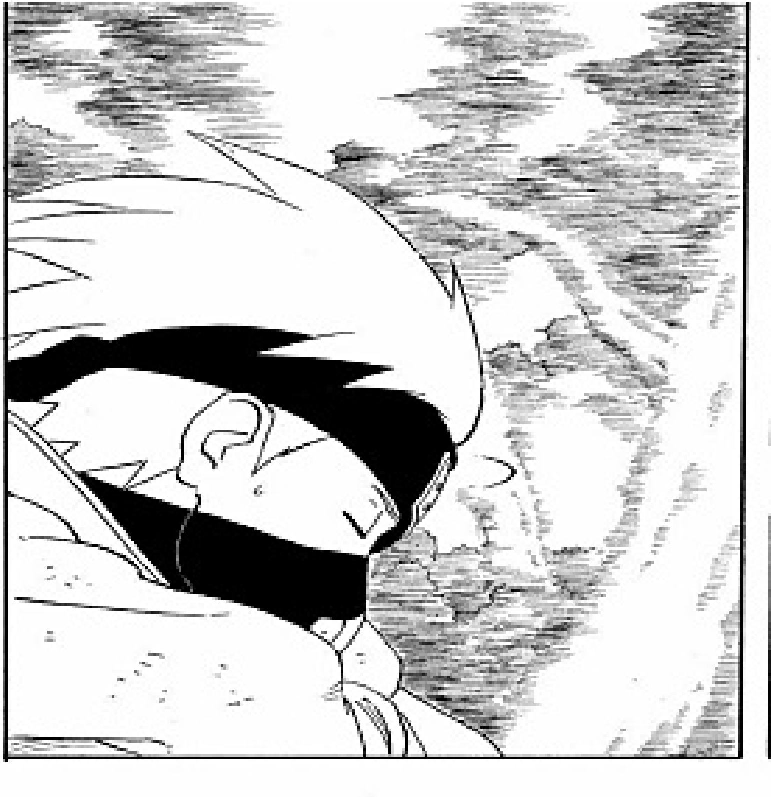
HOW IS UZUMAKI NARUTO?

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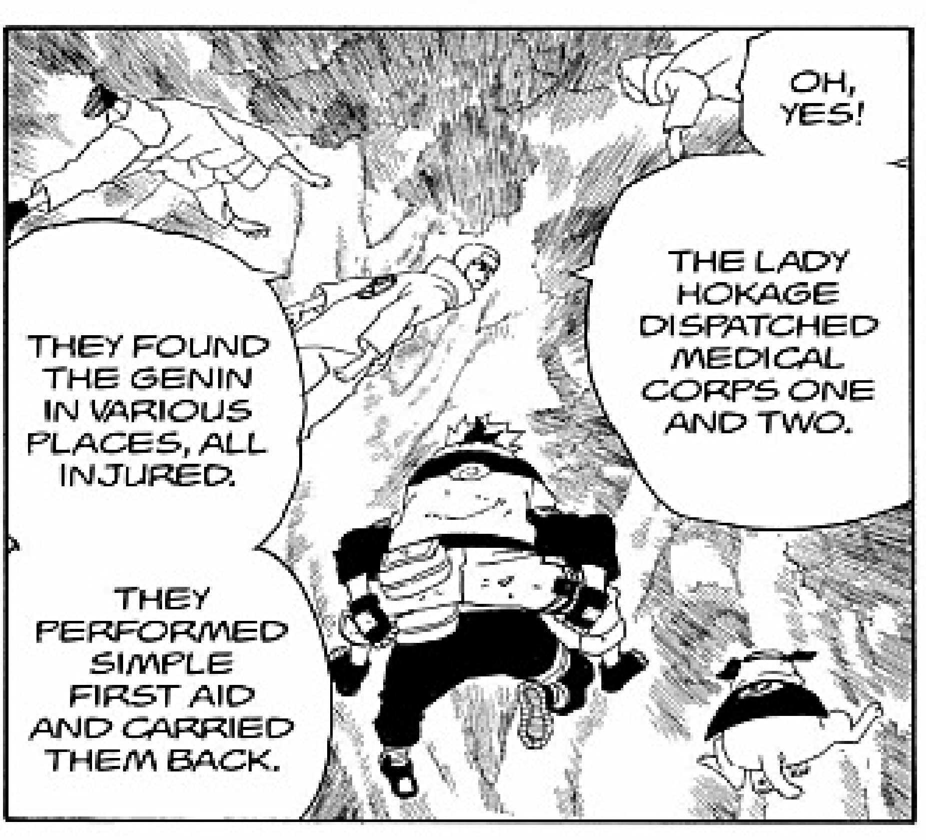
HE'S DOING WELL ENOUGH.



AND SASUKE? WHERE'S UCHIHA SASUKE?!



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WHAT OF THE OTHER GENIN?

OH, YES!
THE LADY HOKAGE DISPATCHED MEDICAL CORPS ONE AND TWO.
THEY FOUND THE GENIN IN VARIOUS PLACES, ALL INJURED.
THEY PERFORMED SIMPLE FIRST AID AND CARRIED THEM BACK.





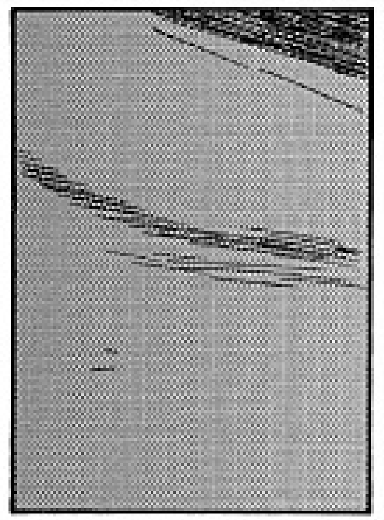


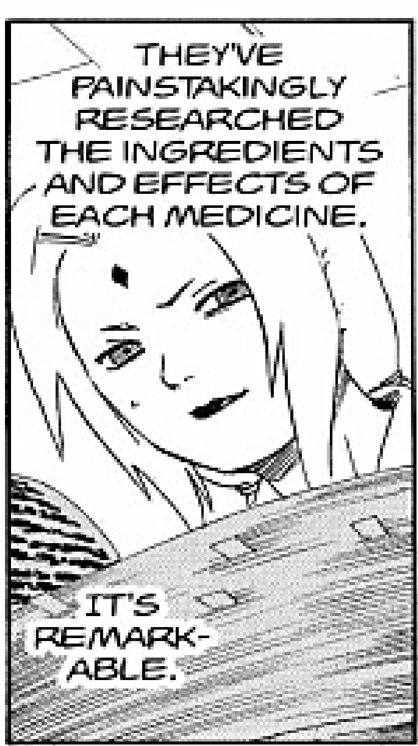
HYUGA NEJI AND AKIMICHI CHOJI ARE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

THEIR FATES ARE UNKNOWN AT THE MOMENT.








THEY'VE PAINSTAKINGLY RESEARCHED THE INGREDIENTS AND EFFECTS OF EACH MEDICINE.
IT'S REMARK-ABLE.

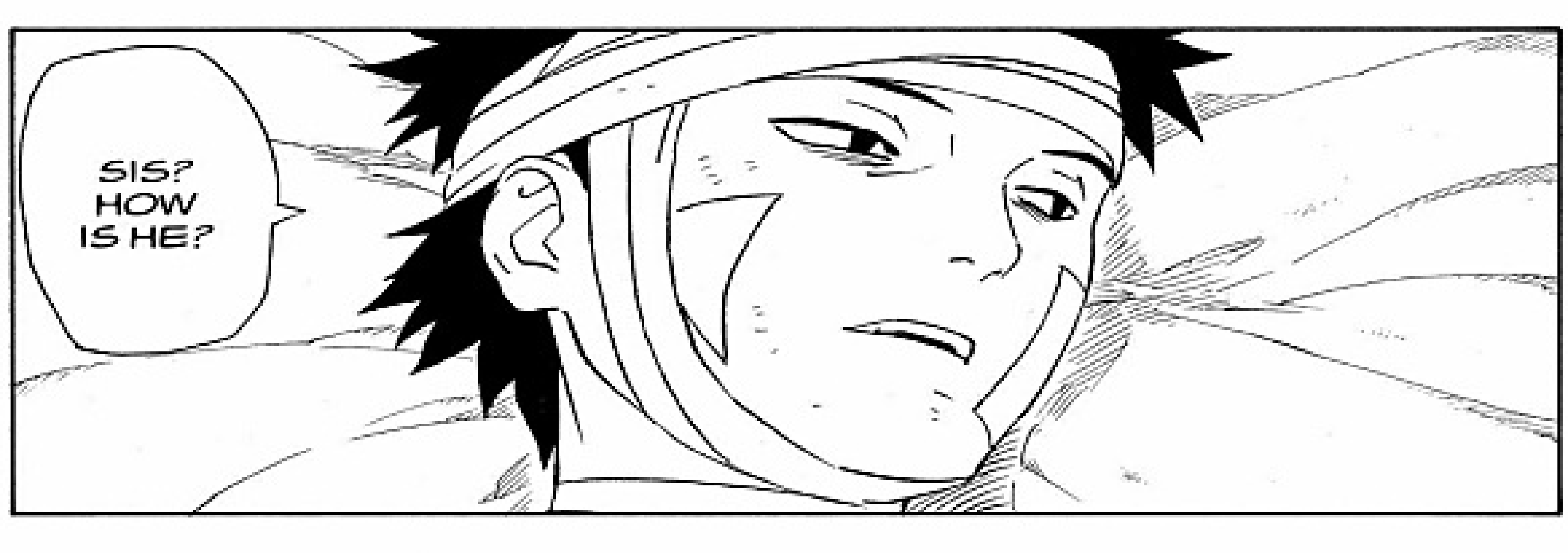

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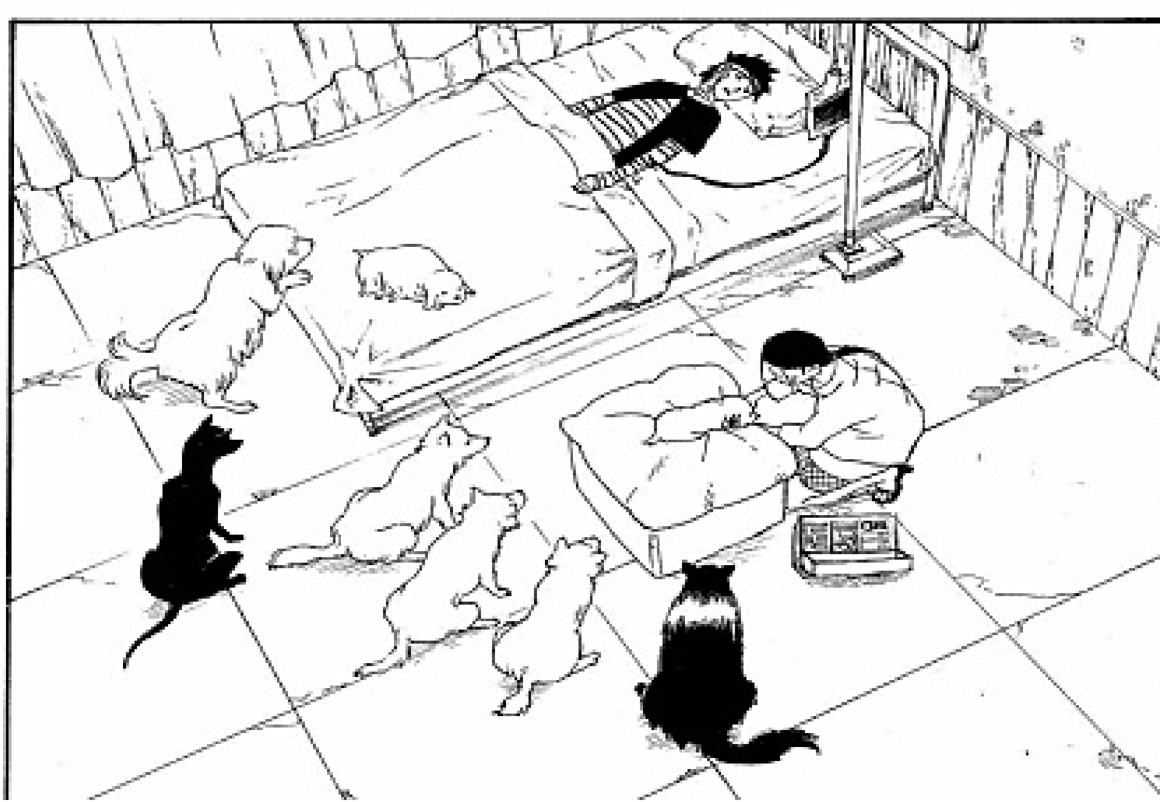

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THE ONE FINAL INGREDIENT IS DEER HORN. CAN YOU GET IT?
YES!


CHURK
CHURK


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木ノ葉病院

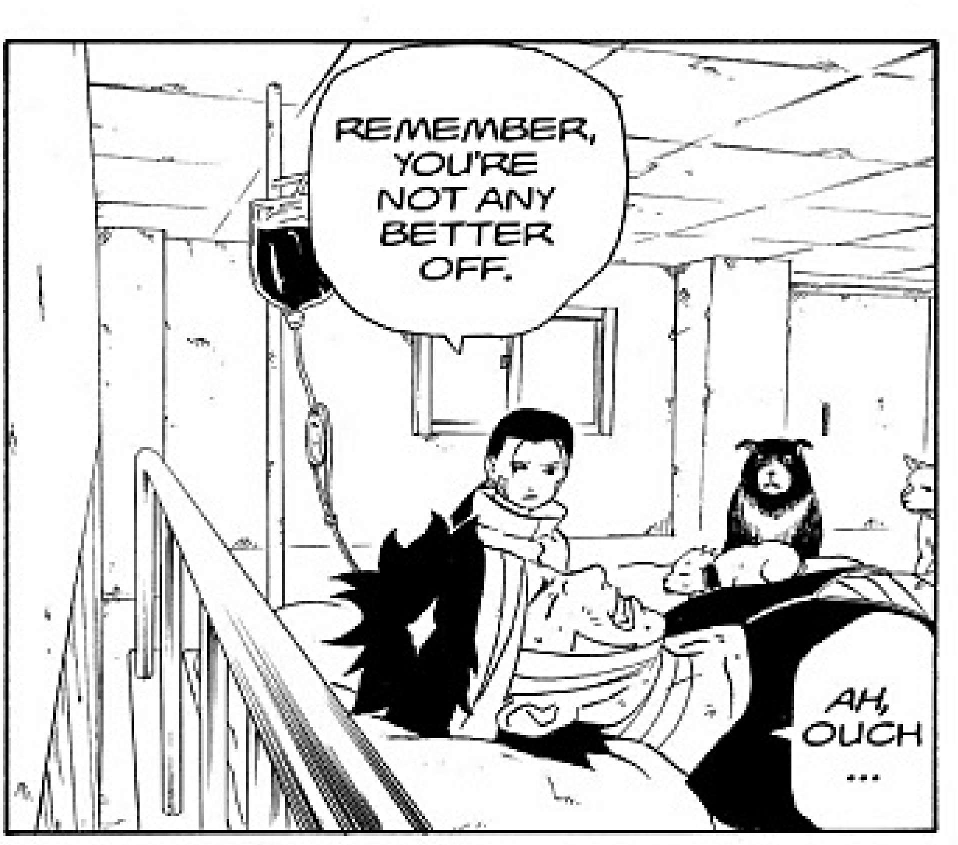

SIS? HOW IS HE?




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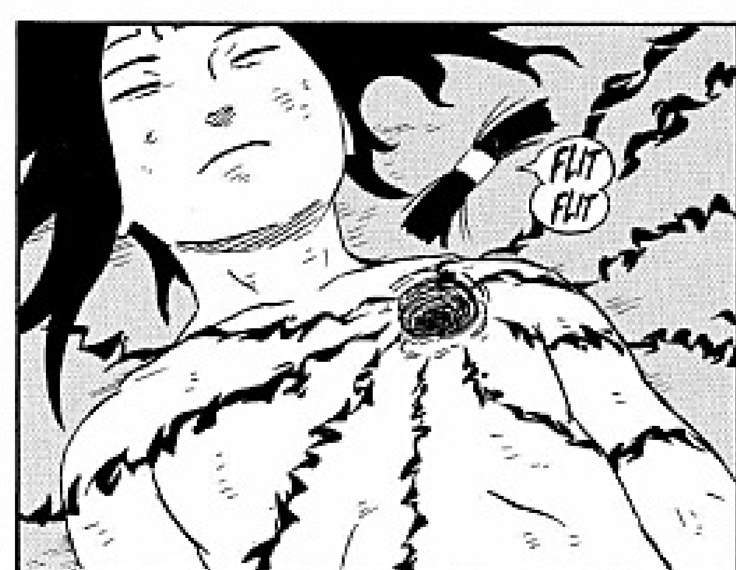






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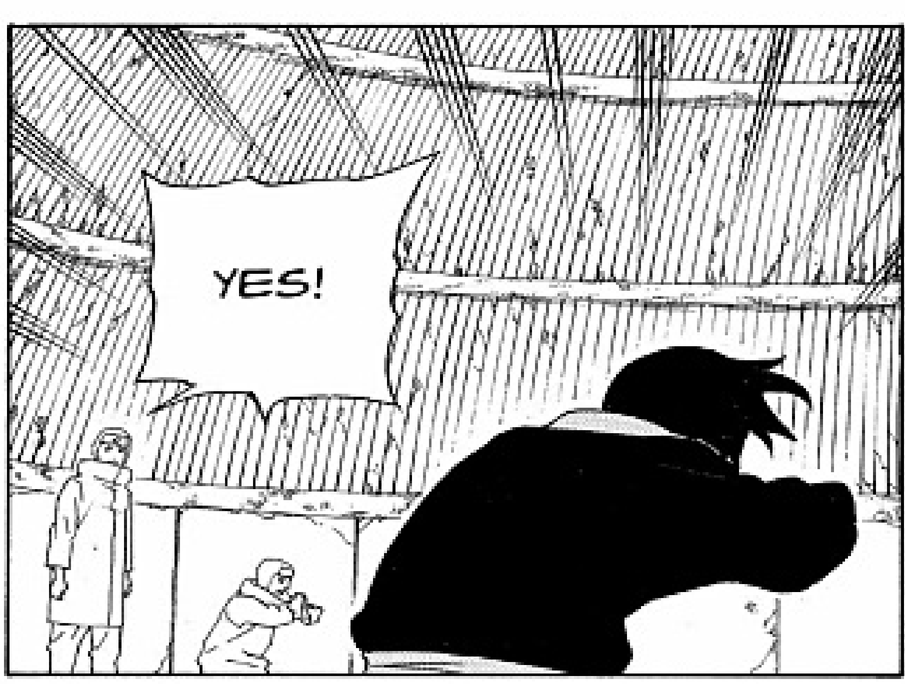




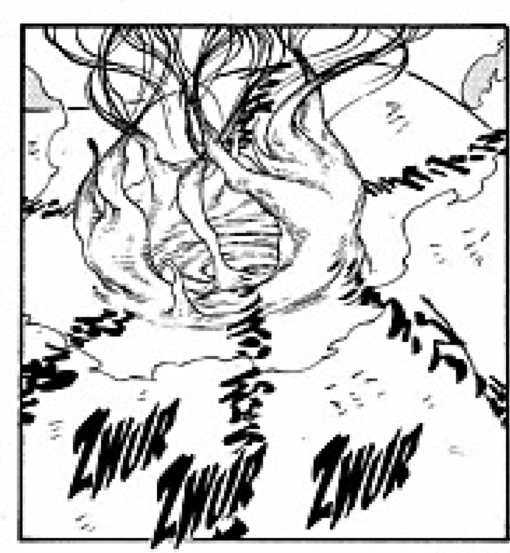
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE USING THE BOY'S HAIR AS THE MEDIUM...

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MESS UP THE CELL BALANCE IN THE LOST TISSUES!

YOU MUST CONTROL YOUR CHAKRA LIKE THE SURGEONS YOU ARE!





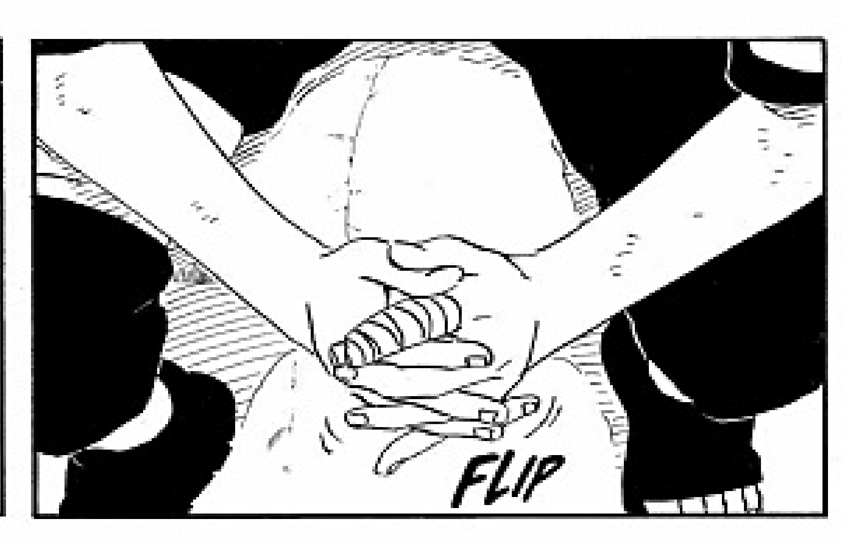


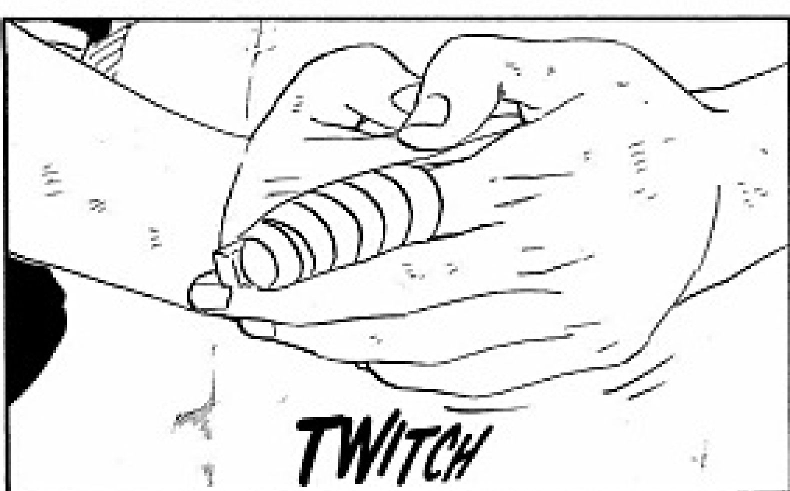




(THE SYMBOL PICTURED ABOVE, CALLED A MANJI, IS TRADITIONAL IN BUDDHIST IMAGERY-ED.)







COME ON. IT DOESN'T HELP ANYONE, WORKING YOURSELF UP.

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THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRAINING AND DOING.

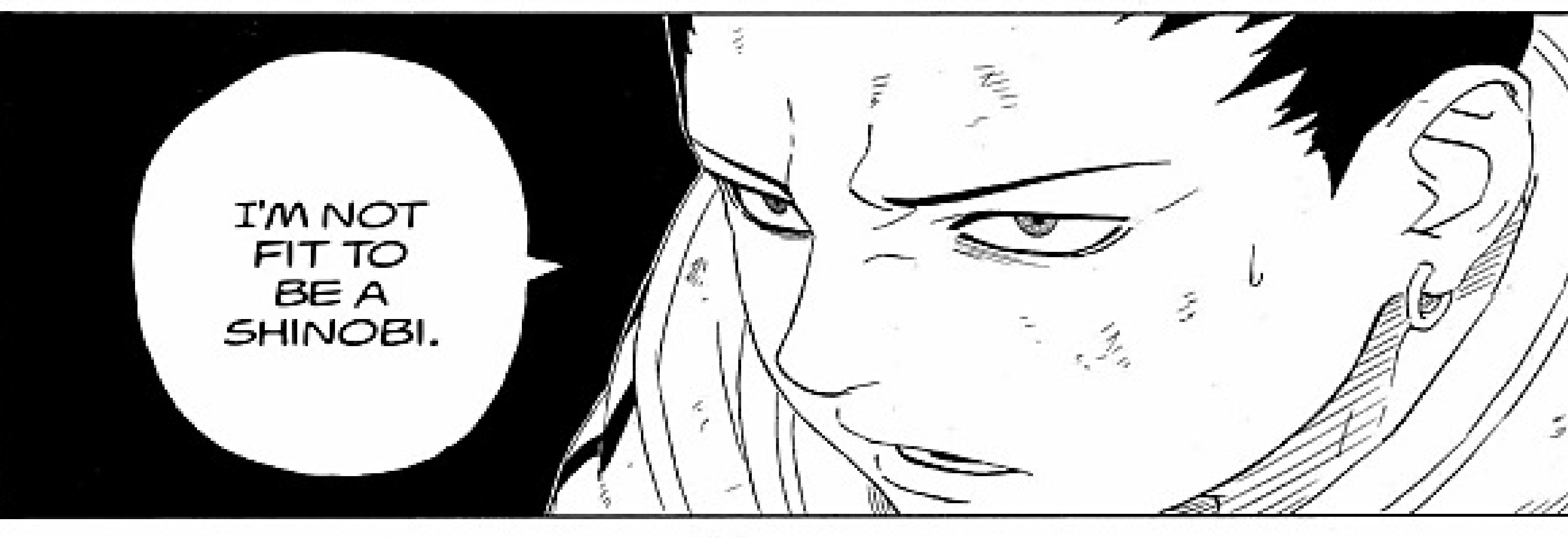
I'VE BEEN ON MISSIONS BEFORE...

I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT IT WAS TO BE A SHINOBI.

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I... THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I WAS NAMED CELL LEADER.

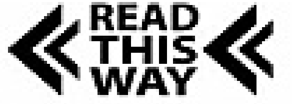
IT HELPED ME REALIZE...





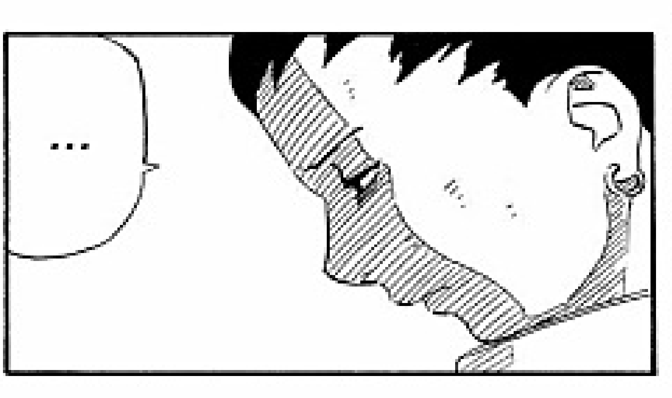





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AS A CELL LEADER, ALL I COULD DO WAS...
...PUT MY TRUST IN THEM.
I WAS TOO NAÏVE... INADEQUATE FOR THE TASK...
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.


SO YOU'RE AFRAID OF GETTING HURT?


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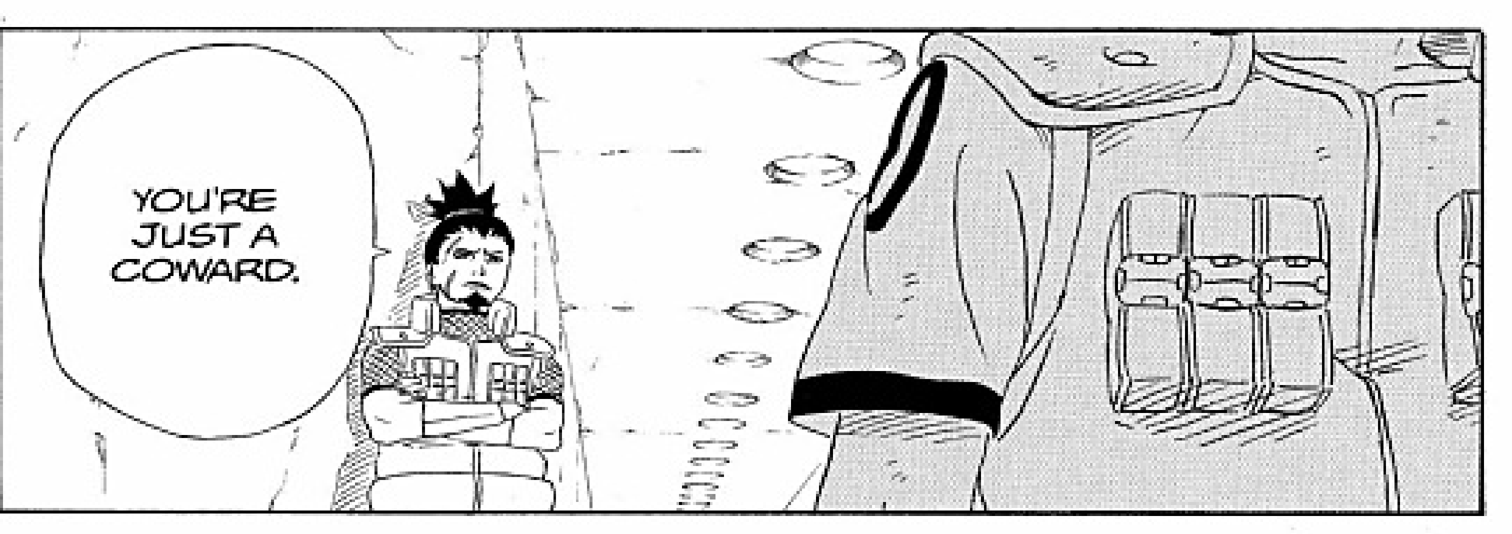

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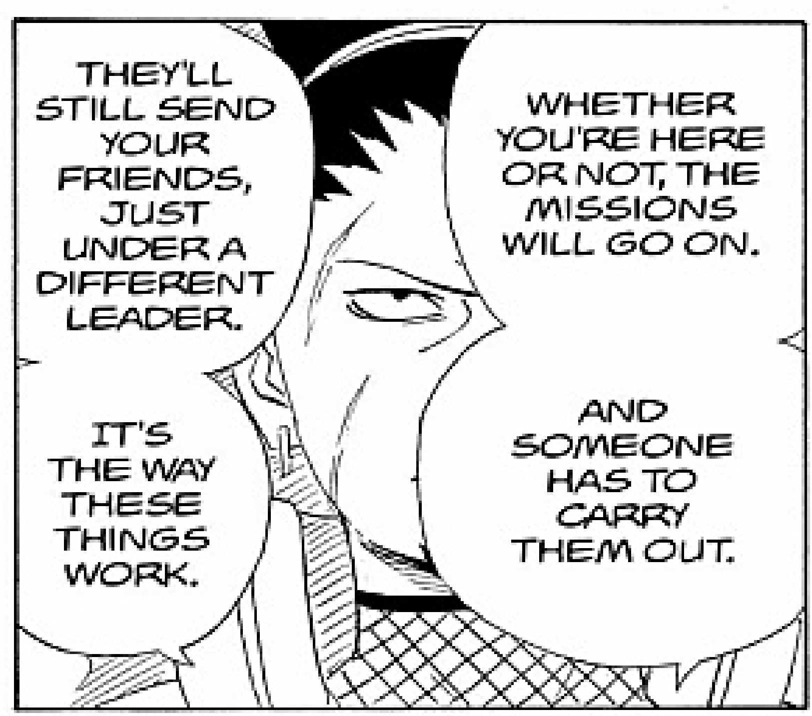

HEY, SHIKA-MARU...
SO WHEN A GIRL WHIPS HER TONGUE, YOU TURN TAIL?


I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY RIGHT NOW FOR QUARRELING. THAT'S ALL.
I'M NOT A WOMAN, ALL RIGHT?


OF COURSE ...
BUT YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A MAN EITHER.


YOU'RE JUST A COWARD.

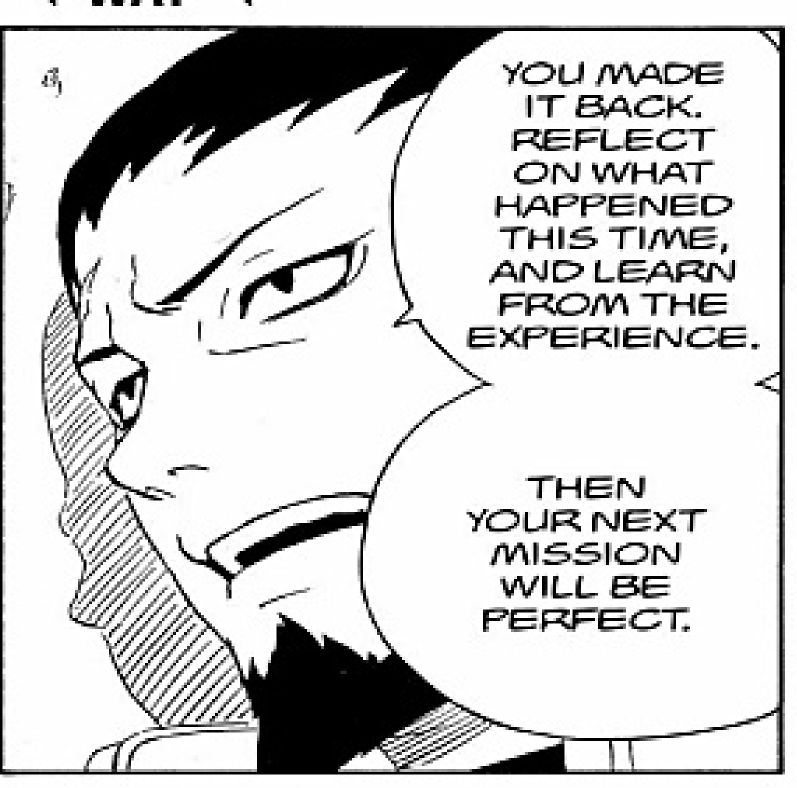

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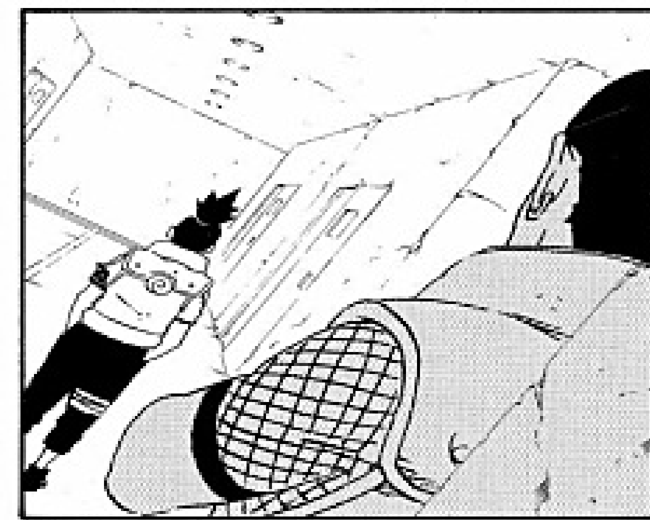

WHETHER YOU'RE HERE OR NOT, THE MISSIONS WILL GO ON.
AND SOMEONE HAS TO CARRY THEM OUT.
THEY'LL STILL SEND YOUR FRIENDS, JUST UNDER A DIFFERENT LEADER.
IT'S THE WAY THESE THINGS WORK.


THEY'LL BE NO LESS LIKELY TO DIE THEN...


READ
THIS
WAY


BUT MAYBE... IF YOU'RE THEIR LEADER...
YOUR FRIENDS WILL SURVIVE.


YOU MADE IT BACK. REFLECT ON WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME, AND LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE.
THEN YOUR NEXT MISSION WILL BE PERFECT.



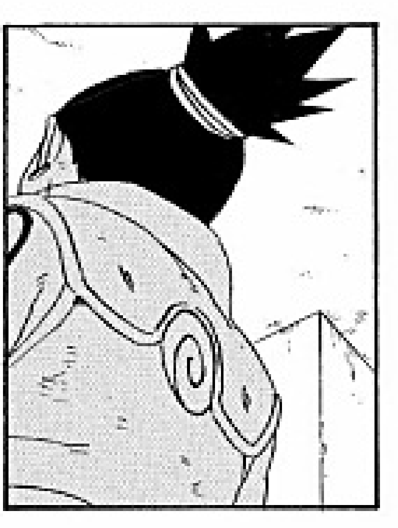

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS ...
THEN INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY...


YOU SHOULD SET YOUR MIND...
...TO IMPROVING YOURSELF.

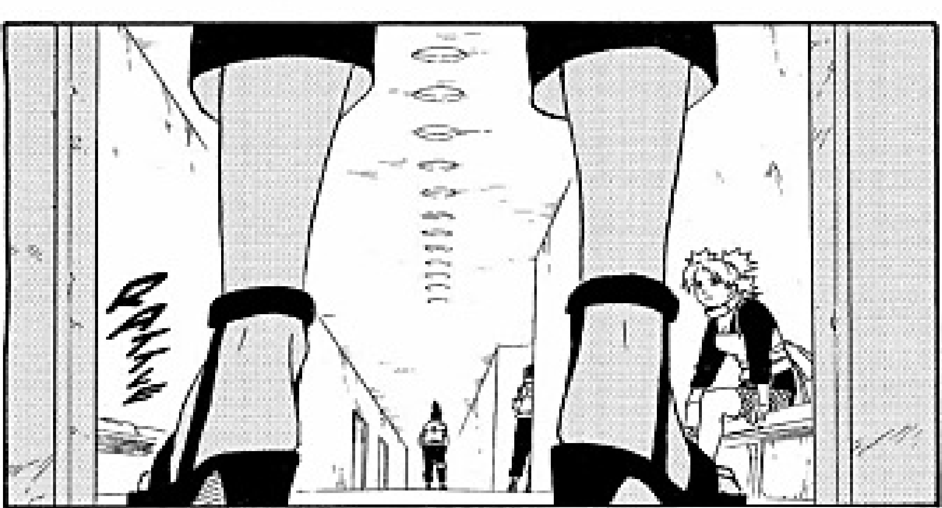
ISN'T THAT THE WAY FRIENDS BEHAVE?!
MILKSOP?


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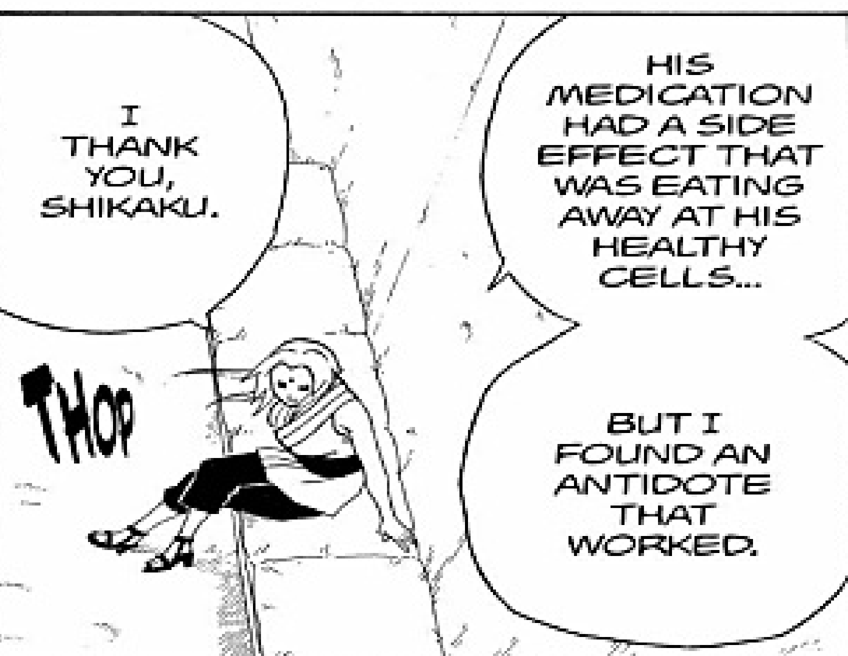

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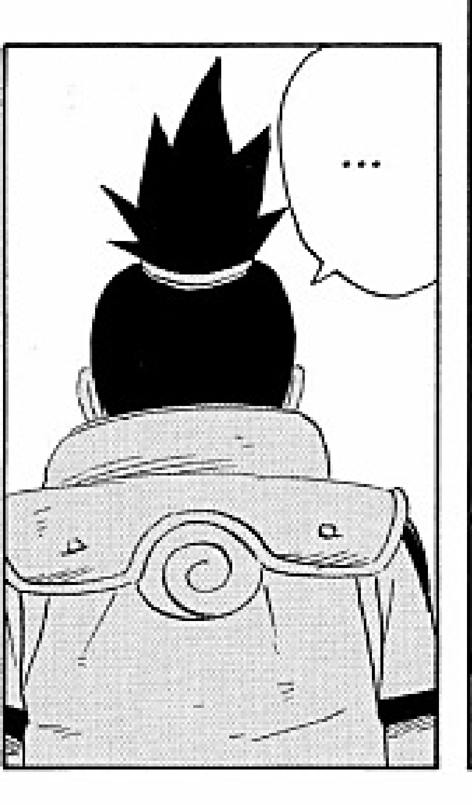


HE'S OKAY NOW.


I THANK YOU, SHIKAKU.
HIS MEDICATION HAD A SIDE EFFECT THAT WAS EATING AWAY AT HIS HEALTHY CELLS...
BUT I FOUND AN ANTIDOTE THAT WORKED.
THOP

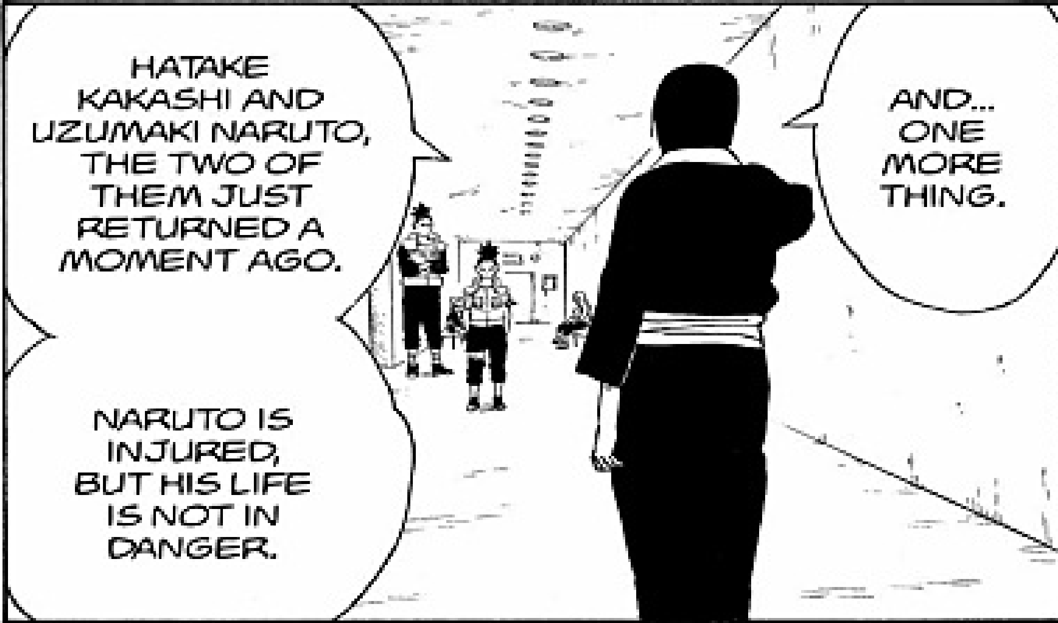

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LADY TSUNADE!!
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THANK YOU. REALLY!
IT TOOK TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO PUT IT TOGETHER.
IT'S THE SWEET FRUIT OF ALL YOUR DAILY LABOR.
THE NARA CLAN'S SACRED MEDICINE GUIDE WAS A BIG HELP.


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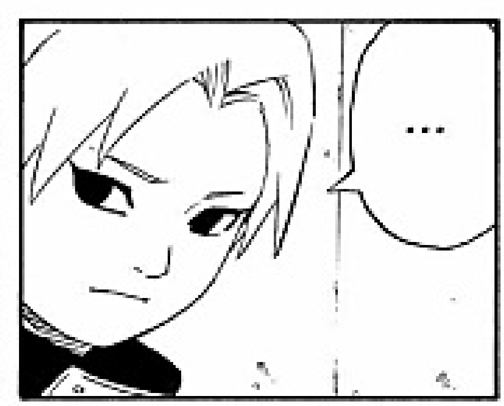

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HYUGA NEJI...
...IS OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE!


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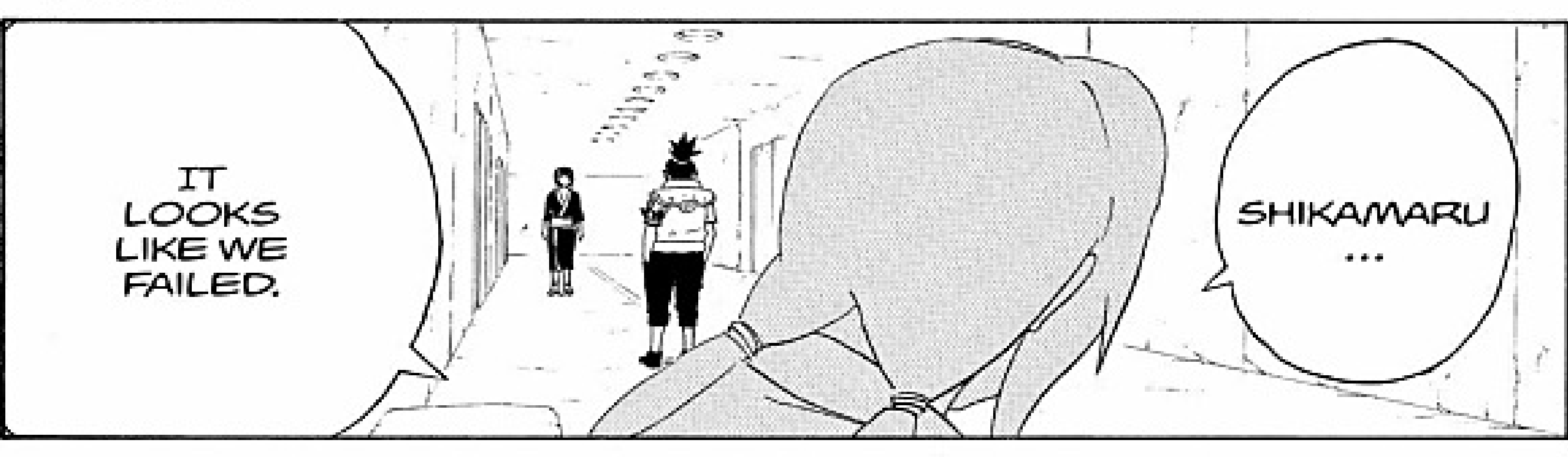

HATAKE KAKASHI AND UZUMAKI NARUTO, THE TWO OF THEM JUST RETURNED A MOMENT AGO.
NARUTO IS INJURED, BUT HIS LIFE IS NOT IN DANGER.
AND... ONE MORE THING.


JUST THE TWO OF THEM?

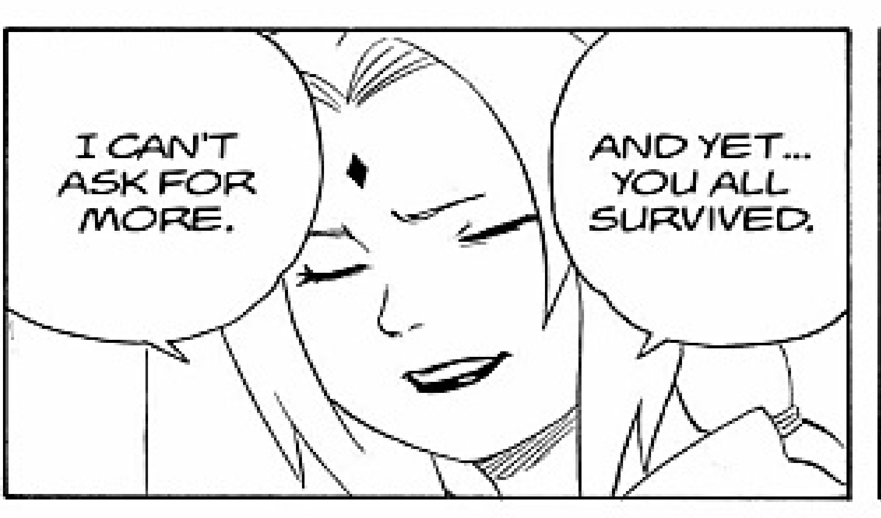



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NEXT TIME...

THE MISSION WILL BE PERFECT! I SWEAR IT!

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